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PACKED AFL CONVENTION VOTES LABOR SPLIT

Powers Move To Halt Duce; Chinese Firm

Anglo-French Plan South China Offers
May Force Fascist Withdrawal Crack Troops to Defense

SITUATION AT A GLANCE
LONDON—The British cabinet prepared to hold a full session over the definite refusal of Italy to confer regarding withdrawal of volunteers.

PARIS — Premier Camille Chautemps, under pressure from London agreed not to open the French frontier without agreement of Great Britain.

TUNIS, Algeria—Sinking of a Spanish steamship by two "unidentified" torpedo boats was the second such outrage since the establishment of the anti-piracy blockade.

TOKYO—Following a semi-formal declaration of war against China by a Japanese general, Premier Kono announced a plan to form a "War Council" to stop discussion within Japan.

WASHINGTON—State Department officials indicated that, with the U. S. attitude against aggression defined, the next move is with the League of Nations.

GENEVA—France and Great Britain are considering the naval occupation of the Spanish island of Minorca, it was learned here following the latest torpedo-sinking of a Spanish freighter and Mussolini's refusal to consider withdrawal of troops.

The island is within sight of the Italian naval base established on the island of Majorca and its occupation would be a severe blow at the Italian efforts to dominate the Mediterranean.

LONDON—With the British-French requests for a conference on withdrawal of volunteers answered by an outright refusal to confer and by the addition of violence in the sinking of a Spanish ship in Mediterranean waters, the British cabinet was expected to hold a full meeting here this week.

It was clearly understood from Mussolini's double-barreled reply that the Italian dictator intended not only to keep Italian troops in Spain but was threatening to send reinforcements.

Adding to this ever-sharpening cleavage between Italy and the maneuvering Tory government, Foreign Minister Delbos of France made a strong plea for French action in the crisis and calling for unity of France and England to offset the unity displayed in action by Italy and Germany. His speech clearly implied the advisability of opening the French border to the free passage of volunteers and supplies.

Nevertheless, Premier Camille Chautemps after a conference with Delbos, gave the government's pledge not to act without the cooperation of England.

Something New!

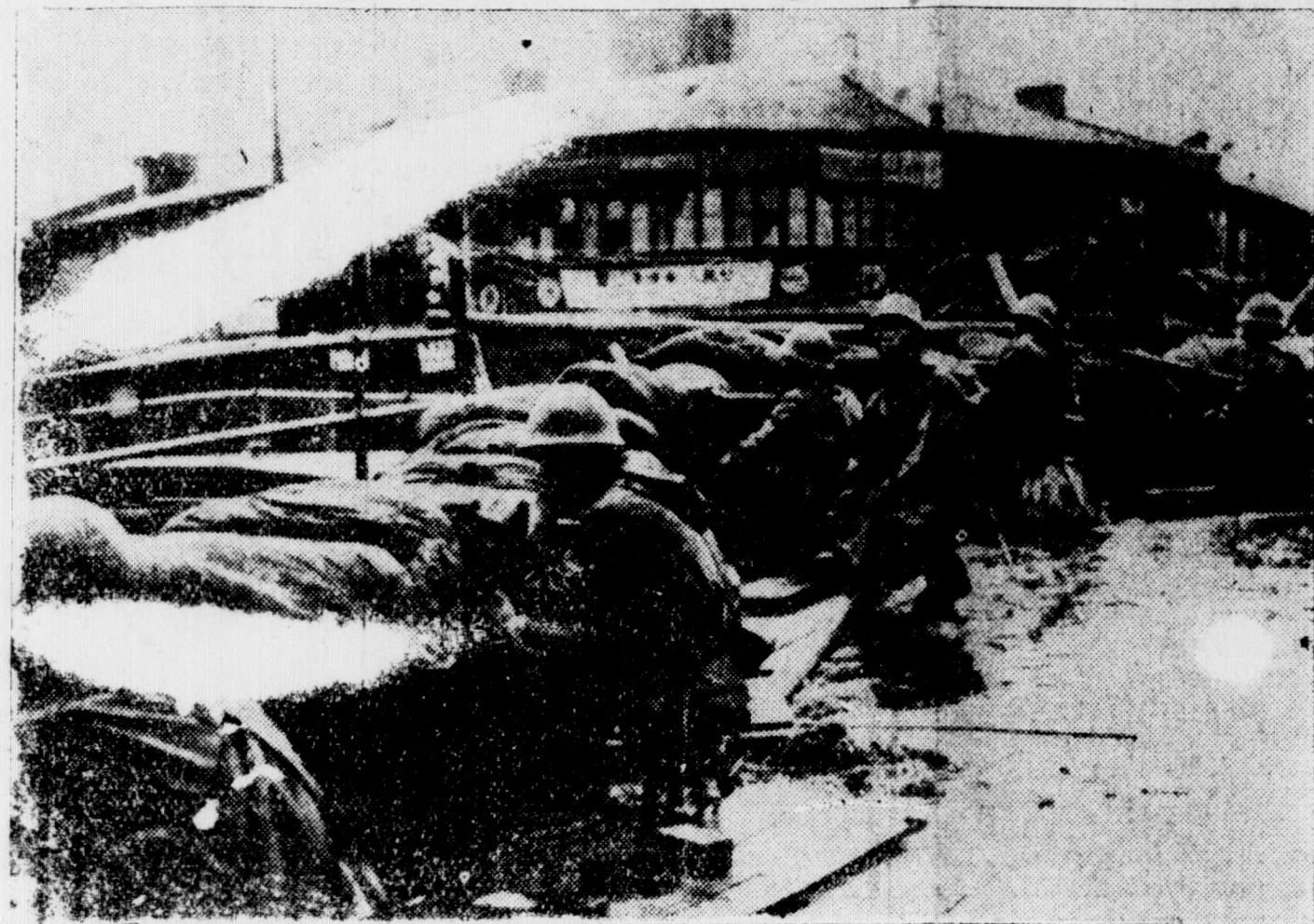
Do you notice it? That's it! The Western Worker has obtained a Ludlow machine with so many new type faces that we can't list them ALL!

But you ain't seen nothing yet!

A SURPRISE per week! That's our schedule until the biggest surprise of all—a daily paper on NEW YEAR'S DAY!

P. S. We hope you like it. (It cost a lot of money. What have you done in the drive up to date?)

Nothing Too Tough for Them



WHILE a heavy rainstorm drenched them to the skin, Chinese infantrymen, defending their country against unwarranted Japanese invasion, take positions behind a sandbag and wire barricade in the path of Japanese units invading the Capei area at Shanghai.

CIO MAPS FIGHT ON PICKET BAN

Big Committee Organized For Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly organized CIO Industrial Council took steps for an active campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance being sponsored by the open-shop "Committee of 43" in the November 2 municipal election, at its meeting last Friday night at 1179 Market St. Amalgamated, Clothing Workers Hall.

The council called together a broad committee of five members from each affiliated union, to meet Tuesday night, October 12, at the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union Hall at 149 Mason St.

Seek Cooperation
Each affiliated union is also asked to contribute 25 cents per capita for its membership, in order to finance a broad publicity campaign against the ordinance.

The CIO committee was expected to seek cooperation with the Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, set up by the AFL Central Labor Council. Labor's fight against the proposed anti-labor law was endorsed by the San Francisco Property Owners League, which stated:

"Labor's constitutional right to advertise its own grievances is an advantage to San Francisco."

Candidates Pledge Fight On Picketing Ban
SAN FRANCISCO—More than 700 people in Scottish Rite Auditorium Sunday night applauded and cheered as the candidates of the Honest Government Committee pledged their support to the campaign against the anti-picket law.

The enthusiastic meeting was opened by the showing of the film of the Chicago Memorial Day Massacre. George Anderson, labor attorney and one of the Committee's endorses for election to the board of supervisors, gave the principal address, attacking the anti-picket ordinance.

Other speakers included Candidates Herbert Nugent and Mrs. Marjorie January. In response to the appeal of Chairman I. Bib Tolins, the audience contributed \$125 to campaign expenses and a large group volunteered for neighborhood campaign activity.

CIO WINS POINT IN ORTEZ CASE

OAKLAND—As a result of mass pressure led by the CIO Industrial Council, five union men will be allowed to appear before the Alameda County Parole Board on behalf of Faustino Ortiz, Hayward cannery worker sentenced to six months in jail for "battery" as a result of a frame-up in connection with the recent cannery strike.

The announcement was made by District Attorney Earl Warren who said that in return the Industrial Council had pledged not to place pickets around the Alameda County Court House.

FLASH AND DOUBLE FLASH!

State Drive Committee for the Daily Western Worker announces with pleasure the awarding of the first lifetime subscription of the daily newspaper to JERRY FEINGOLD.

FEINGOLD reached the 100 dollar mark last week and by this time is rapidly on his way to becoming A TWO-TIME LIFER with \$150 turned in on the drive.

JERRY says "IT WAS A CINCH!"
First to attain its quota in the drive is the Laborer's Union of the Industrial Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party, which this week turned in 100 snackers for the daily paper. At its next meeting, the "Laborers' Unit" is expected to accept an additional sum. One Comrade in this unit raised fifty per cent of the total. He is now HALF-A-LIFER, and may be a LIFER before the drive ends.

SAILORS REJECT GREEN'S BAIT

SAN FRANCISCO—The "promises" of William Green, AFL president, didn't mean much to the Sailors Union of the Pacific rank and file at their meeting here last Monday night.

In response to the "best offer" letter sent by Harry Lundeborg, SUP secretary, to both AFL and CIO, Green wrote back promising everything, including complete autonomy and jurisdiction over all unlicensed seagoing personnel.

Sentiment of the Sailors was overwhelmingly against the bait held out by Green, which would mean violation of the jurisdiction of the Marine Firemen and the Marine Cooks & Stewards, and all action on Green's letter was suspended until the CIO answer was received.

Joe Casey Tries to 'Buy Off' E. Bay Rank-File Truckers

OAKLAND—Seven members of Teamsters Local 70 will ignore verbal summons to appear before the executive board to face charges growing out of their activities for rank and file control of the local, unless they receive written notice by registered mail in accordance with their constitution and assurances that their case would be submitted to the rank and file.

Their demands, embodied in a letter to Joe Casey, Teamster international representative, received full endorsement of the membership at a meeting of the rank and file last Friday night.

It was revealed Casey had tried to buy off the seven men by promising to let them go back to work if they would "keep their mouths shut." Charges against two other teamsters were dropped.

The meeting decided against sending Clifford Lester, deposed by the international officials as Local 70 president, to Indianapolis to face charges before the Teamsters General Executive Board. Instead, a written statement in his defense will be drawn up in the form of petition signed by members of the

NEW PLOT ON FIREMEN SEEN

MFOW Meet Brands New Reactionary Move

SAN FRANCISCO—The latest effort of discredited Marine Firemen's Union officials, working in collusion with the reactionary AFL machine, to split the union was exposed and spiked at a special headquarters branch meeting here on Monday afternoon.

A resolution emanating from the Seattle branch requesting that an "emergency headquarters" be set up was branded as "union splitting, unconstitutional and disruptive" by 250 men from the ships at the special meeting.

The so-called "emergency" arose several weeks ago when headquarters branch ousted J. E. Ferguson, secretary, for packing a meeting with 100 non-union members.

Associated with Ferguson as prime movers in the present attempt to regain control, according to rank and file members, are B. J. O'Sullivan, San Pedro agent; V. J. Malone, export Committeeman; Bert Coleman, Seattle agent; and Gus Oldenburg, Portland agent.

Open charges were made at the meeting that this clique was working with Harry Lundeborg, anti-CIO secretary of the Sailors Union, and reactionary AFL officials to remove the firemen's progressive leadership and block a scheduled referendum on CIO affiliation.

A previous referendum went overwhelmingly for CIO but the former officials burned the ballots under the guise of a technicality.

J. Galvan, sent to San Francisco by the San Pedro branch for the "emergency," said that as soon as he saw the move was phoney he disassociated himself from it.

Green Puts Through His War Program As CIO Maps New Drive

Atlantic City Meet Plans Complete Organization of Unorganized Reactionary Set-Up at AFL Convention Told By Budenz and Dunne

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—At the opposite pole from the destructive program being advanced by the AFL convention in Denver, was the progressive program outlined at the CIO Conference here last Monday, which set as its goal "complete union organization of all unorganized workers of the nation."

Leaders of 32 CIO unions heard John Brophy, CIO director, declare that the AFL has attempted to "becloud the issue" and has "failed to make progress in the mass production industries."

AFL Strikebreaking
"The American Federation of Labor is frankly out to destroy the CIO and its affiliated unions," said Brophy.

"It has stated so clearly and frankly, and its actions in going through picket lines, in chartering company unions and the undercutting of CIO unions, clearly confirms this."

"In order to clear the path and to facilitate future organizing progress, however, the need for more industrial union councils is becoming increasingly evident. The AFL officials are carrying forward their splitting of the labor movement by driving CIO affiliates out of every AFL state federation and city central body in the country."

Predict Boycott of Japan
"Wherever this occurs and our unions do not set up a council of their own in the state or city affected, they are left without the protection that a strong central labor body can afford."

Both Sidney Hillman, Textile Workers Organizing Committee, and Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, expressed the belief that a stand would be taken in favor of a boycott against Japan.

Figures on the CIO growth were given by Brophy in his report, with a total of 4,000,000 including 510,000 in steel, 400,000 in auto, 75,000 in rubber, 270,000 in textile, 600,000 in the United Mine Workers, and 80,000 in the transport industry.

Prior to the first day of this conference which is expected to last through the week, Chairman John L. Lewis commented on the proposed expulsion of CIO unions from the AFL, saying:

"Our attitude is one of complete indifference. We already understand that we have no association in fact with the AFL."

Main Body of Labor
A preliminary report issued by the CIO conference stated: "In its brief existence, the CIO has developed from an idea and a program for American labor into a movement which is now the main body of American labor."

"The reactionary craft policies and obstructive tactics of the (executive) council have brought the AFL such ill repute that organizing results picked up tremendously after the suspension."

"In fact, all the most noteworthy successes of the CIO have been achieved since its unions were outlawed from the AFL and freed from the misleadership of its executive council."

Santa Clara Labor Fights Injunctions

SAN JOSE—In order to fight five anti-labor injunction and damage suits filed against local unions and the central labor body, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council has appealed to affiliated unions for funds.

"This wave of injunctions against picketing involves every union in Santa Clara County and the State of California—for if these cases are lost, a dangerous precedent will have been set," states the council's appeal. The damage cases are similar to the infamous "Danbury Hatters Case" or over a quarter of a century ago.

LABORERS' 304 FUNDS SHORTED

Suspicion Is Cast Against Tyrell, Reactionary

OAKLAND — A shortage of \$731 in the treasury of the Laborers' Union, Local 304, was disclosed at the union's regular meeting here last Friday.

When a bill for auditor's services was mentioned, older members were reminded there had been no auditor's report for approximately a year since reactionary Wm. H. Tyrell became business agent of the local—and began to ask questions.

President Harry Robinson then revealed the shortage as the reason for the absence of financial statements during the past year.

How "Clever"
It then turned out that the bill referred to was not for an auditor, but for a bookkeeper, although it is customary for a union member to keep the accounts.

When asked for an explanation, Robinson said none of the members of the local were "clever enough" to keep the books. In view of developments, some of the members are wondering just what their president meant by this remark.

Robinson claimed the shortage in the union's treasury occurred before Tyrell took over the union's affairs. But skeptical members recalled that up to the time Tyrell's administration there used to be regular quarterly auditor's reports, while there have been none since.

Expelled in Shortage Case
Tyrell was expelled from the Electricians' Union, of which he was business agent, when a shortage in the funds of that organization was discovered last year.

A member of the small clique of reactionary top officials who dominate the American Federation of Labor here, he was then made business agent of the Laborers' Union over the heads of the membership. Meetings were then suspended for two months, during which time a large number of new members were recruited. When meetings were resumed, ratification of Tyrell's appointment was accomplished through by taking advantage of the confusion of the new members.

Tyrell has secured complete control of the union, according to members, by the same methods used in other unions, where rank and file control has not swept out the reactionaries.

Stooges Shout
Whenever a rank and file member gets up to speak from the floor, Tyrell's stooges begin to shout "throw him out, throw him out," creating so much confusion the member is unable to continue.

"The Laborers' Union has the largest turnover of any union in the state, according to Tyrell's own admission."

CIO to Negotiate With Spreckels Sugar Plant
SALINAS, Monterey County—The Committee for Industrial Organization will open negotiations with the Spreckels Sugar Co. on demands for wage increases, following an employees' election naming the CIO for collective bargaining agency, announced James Patterson, CIO official.

DENVER—The 57th convention of the American Federation of Labor, packed with the chosen followers of President William Green and the executive council, voted final authority to split the American labor movement last Monday night after more than a week of red-baiting incitement against the

Committee for Industrial Organization.
The convention accepted the special committee's report: "That the executive council be given full power . . . to revoke the charter of the organizations which refuse to return to the ranks . . . and we so direct the observance and enforcement of this requirement."

Packed Convention
The organizations which "refuse to return to the ranks" are the original 10 CIO unions which were arbitrarily suspended by Green and the executive council more than a year ago, and other unions since affiliated to the CIO.

The vote was 25,616 to 1227, indicating how carefully the AFL top leadership had hand-picked its delegates for this splitting move.

The committee's report called for war against the CIO, not only on the economic field but also on the political field, stating:

Political Strikebreaking
"We recommend the enlargement and strengthening of our machinery of non-partisan political activities so that the political strength of the American Federation of Labor and its renewed determinations to support its friends and defeat those in public office who would oppose its policies and programs, will embrace all who would in any way favor, encourage or support the CIO."

How this political strikebreaking works, was shown in the recent Detroit city primaries, where the AFL officials there broke from a united labor ticket, and endorsed a reactionary candidate in opposition.

Fought Committee
The fight against the committee's report was led by A. Philip Randolph, president of the Pullman Car Porters; Morris Muster, Upholsterers Union, and others, who charged that the issues involved were being deliberately confused and warned against a war on the CIO. Senator George L. Berry of Tennessee, president of the Printing Pressmen, voted against the committee.

Frey and Woll Go Witch-Hunting

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE (Special to Western Worker)
DENVER—Last Monday's sessions of this American Federation of Labor convention compelled me to leave the realms of reality. Reminiscent of the witch-hunting days of the Palmer "red hunt" of 1919-20, John P. Frey and Matthew Woll of the executive council, put on a show even those present could not believe.

The anti-CIO efforts here are so incredible, so devoid of ordinary trade union logic, that no newspaperman present dared send a dispatch on the basis of his own notes until he checked with others.

A Degenerate "Alice"
A matured Alice in Wonderland seems to have dictated the reports of Woll and Frey; a grown-up Alice, unbelievably vicious and disgustingly degenerate.

In a world where honest men of all shades of opinion are uniting against the Girdlers, Fords, Hitlers, Mussolinis and Hirohitos, Woll and Frey called this convention a "war on the reds."

The whole thing is unreal, but I must quote Frey and Woll: "With the establishment of the CIO, concurrent with the Communist Party was under orders from Moscow to scrap its entire program and work with the CIO. . . Four months before the Steel Workers Organizing Committee began work in Pennsylvania, William Z. Foster of the Communist Party had opened offices there."

Childish Drive!
John L. Lewis, said Frey, win- (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

Jim-Crow Kress Store Agrees to Hire Negro Salesgirls

"UNION LABOR" PARTY PICKS NO MINEES

Ed. Vandeleur Once Led Group to Seat Rossi Regime

SAN FRANCISCO—Ignoring requests from the CIO Industrial Council for joint consideration of political questions and candidates, the Union Labor Party Saturday night endorsed a full slate of candidates for city election.

The brief meeting adopted virtually without debate the proposals of the executive board. It had not been called together since the 1935 elections when E. A. Vandeleur led the movement to align it behind the Rossi machine. Notifications sent to the locals in calling the meeting had said that no candidates would be named.

Those endorsed for Supervisors were James B. McSheehy, John M. Ratto, Andrew J. Gallagher, Joseph C. Sharp, and George R. Reilly.

Mass Meeting to Aid Polish Jews

SAN FRANCISCO—Vigorous protest against Fascist antisemitism in Poland will be voiced at a mass meeting to be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium Wednesday evening Oct. 17. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Polish Conference committee organized by the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Dr. J. J. Weinstein, prominent San Francisco educator and head of the School for Jewish Studies, will relate recent personal observations of Polish oppression of minority groups and discriminatory legislation.

Other speakers will include Rabbi Saul White and I. Bib Tolin. Marjorie January, candidate for supervisor, will be chairman.

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Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight street.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m., at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Western Hall. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 3 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

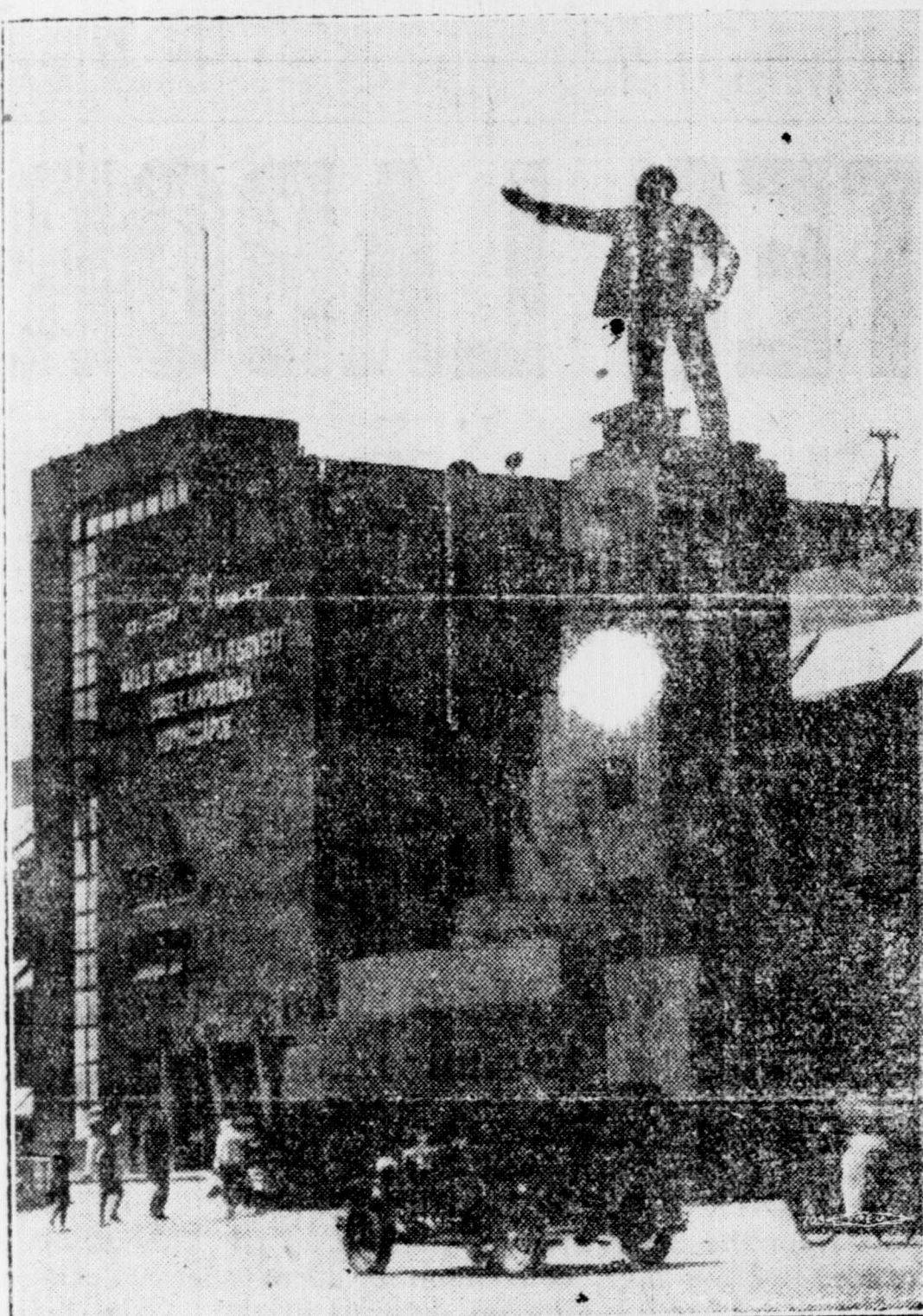
Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 110 Page St. Adm. 40c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Leon E. Malamut on the Concertina. Freiheit Gezang Feiren in new songs. Dancing until 1 p. m. Refreshments Saturday, October 23rd, Redman's Hall, 3935 16th St. Admission 35c. Freiheit Gezang Feiren.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy. ILWU Ship Scales. Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 23. Admission—Gentlemen, 30c; ladies free. Union music.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm. 25c. Auspices Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5. December 12th taken by Freiheit Gezang Feiren. Jacob Shafer Memorial Concert at the Jew-

Monument to a Great Leader



THIS IS the building of the Council of People's Commissars of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, Tashkent, a central Asian city. As everywhere throughout the Soviet Union, a monument to the memory of Nikolai Lenin has been erected.

N. Y. PROSECUTOR HITS BRUTAL POLICE TACTICS AGAINST WORKERS ON PICKET LINE

BALTIMORE—Hard boiled police chiefs, accustomed to regarding all strikes as a racket requiring the use of nightsticks, were told that theory is "plain nonsense" in a speech by Thos. E. Dewey, special prosecutor of New York.

Speaking to an audience at the convention of the International Association of Police

Chiefs which included Commissioner Allman of Chicago, who defended actions of his force during the Memorial Day massacre at the Republic Steel plant during the Senate civil liberties committee investigation, Dewey told the police heads they should stay out of strikes.

"Night Sticks"

After sharply criticizing political influence in police departments, Dewey declared, "Some people would like to settle questions with night sticks and indictments."

"This is plain nonsense. A strike by honest workers is no evidence of a racket and the prosecutor or police officer who thinks that it is, or that he is called upon to use some extra legal means to interfere, will receive a well deserved rebuke from which he will not quickly recover."

Massacre Attacked
Preceding Dewey's speech, five messenger boys walked through the audience of over 600 distributing copies of the Senate civil liberties committee report on the Chicago Memorial Day massacre. Attached to the cover of the report was a copy of the telegram from former District of Columbia Commissioner of Police Gen. Pelham D. Glassford to the president of the police chiefs' association, blasting the actions of the Chicago police.

LAWYERS' GUILD TO FIGHT PICKETING BAN

SAN FRANCISCO—Giving support to organized labor's fight against the anti-picketing ordinance placed on the November 2 municipal ballot by the open-shop "Committee of 43," the National Lawyers' Guild last Thursday announced it would actively campaign against the ordinance.

Speaking for a committee of attorneys which will cooperate with the organized labor forces' campaign against the proposed ordinance, Leland Lazarus declared:

"It is our purpose to give the voters a real interpretation of this ordinance. It should be understood that the effects of this law are so far-reaching as to strictly censor the press of San Francisco."

"The voters of this city will not give up their constitutional rights for an ordinance which increases instead of minimizes opportunities for disorder in industrial disputes. We warn the people of San Francisco that the ordinance carries a threat to their personal freedom."

The AFL announced that a "conspiracy" clause in the proposed ordinance makes indirect participation in peaceful picketing punishable by imprisonment in San Quentin.

Banquet Announced for Political Prisoners' Relief

The Los Angeles Relief Committee for Political Prisoners of NOW/DWOR (Poland) will hold its annual Banquet on Sunday, October 17, 1937 at Folk House, 420 N. Soto St. Admission is fifty cents and includes a first class chicken dinner plus an excellent musical program.

PROGRESSIVES OF CALIFORNIA TO ASSEMBLE

Fresno Conference Sat. and Sunday to Prepare for 1938 Election

With an even hundred sponsors from the ranks of liberal, labor and progressive forces as the initiators, a statewide conference looking to the 1938 state elections will be held in Fresno Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17.

Included in the list of the "California Committee of One Hundred for Political Unity" are eleven assemblymen, Wilbur Gilbert, Augustus F. Hawkins, Elmer E. Lore, George Miller, Ellis E. Patterson, John B. Pelletier, Fred Reaves, Paul A. Richie, Ben Rosenthal, Jack B. Tenney, and Samuel Yorty.

Labor appears as a large factor. Twenty-two AFL leaders and 15 CIO leaders are on the sponsors' list.

The call to the conference stresses that the group is "not another political party," but that "irrespective of party affiliations there is today a clear demarcation between progressives and reactionaries. The combination of reactionary forces should be challenged by a coalition of progressive, liberal, farmer, labor and pro-Roosevelt forces."

CIO HEAD MAY ASK LEGISLATIVE PROBE IN BANNING STRIKE

Protests Arrests of Pickets by Police and Deputies

LOS ANGELES—Threatening to demand State Legislature Committee investigation of the relationship between police activities and strikebreaking forces, J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, has addressed a sharp telegram to Mayor Sharp of Banning, as follows:

"Repeal reach us that your police threaten to arrest legal pickets as vagrants. Any such arrests will be followed by an immediate demand for a legislative committee to investigate the relation of your law enforcement department to strike breaking activities."

The move to arrest pickets is the latest provocative strike-breaking gesture by the police and deputies of Banning, declared leaders of the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union. Over 60 arrests have been made, mostly minor misdemeanor charges, with bail set as high as \$5000 in an attempt to deplete the union treasury. Strikers have been beaten and shot down by armed deputies. Union leaders state the firmness of the strikers in maintaining their peaceful picket lines has infuriated the Metropolitan Water District officials.

Another Slugging Case

BEAUMONT, Riverside County—Two men, evidently mistaking for striking aqueduct workers, were dragged out of their car last week and beaten by Metropolitan Water District deputies.

The men were Glen Cordes, Los Angeles, employee of Firestone Rubber Co., not a union member; George Winsel, Beaumont, not a union member. They were beaten with blackjacks, taken to the court house and given sobriety tests which were negative.

They were released only when deputies were finally convinced that they were not union members. Cordes and Winsel state they will file charges against the Metropolitan Water District for false arrest and battery.

Oakland Mayor Wines, Dines With Nazi Killer-Consul

OAKLAND—Mayor William J. McCracken joined Baron Manfred "Killer" von Killinger, notorious Nazi consul-general for San Francisco, as guests of honor at the swastika dominated celebration of German Day here last Sunday.

Ostensibly held to commemorate the landing of the first German settlers in this country in 1633, the annual festivities at the German Pioneer House at 20 Home Place are strongly tinged with Nazi propaganda.

The German-American Society, one of the principal participants in the celebration, was named by Representative Samuel Dickstein of New York as one of the Nazi organizations operating in this country with the German Pioneer House as the center of their activities.

A large swastika flag under an American flag was flown from the flagstaff in front of the building, while the interior was decorated with banners bearing the fascist symbol.

L. A. CONGRESS FOR PEACE IS TO ASSEMBLE

U.S. Condemnation of Japan Surs Organizations to Send Delegations

LOS ANGELES—Plans for rallying all Southern California forces for peace and democracy were being pushed forward here today by the American League Against War and Fascism, with added impetus given to the movement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent condemnation of Japan.

Spokesmen for the American League declared hundreds of representatives from liberal, labor, religious, civic and political groups will gather at the Studio Carpenters' Hall, 5164 Santa Monica Boulevard, on Sunday, October 17, for a Southern California Congress for Peace and Democracy.

Keynote of the congress, it was stated, is expected to be based on President Roosevelt's plea for world cooperation to isolate aggressor nations.

Vigilantism, legislation aimed at crippling effective trade union action, slashes in WPA, the Sheppard-Hill mobilization plan and other movements attacking democracy will come in for sharp analysis, according to the League's call for the congress.

A general session in the morning will put the congress under way, with commentary expected to be forthcoming from outstanding speakers on major issues facing the world.

For Spain, China

Invasion of Spain and China, American "neutrality," labor's rights, fascist activities in Los Angeles and the role of the American League are titles of addresses already scheduled, it was announced.

The afternoon session of the congress will find the delegates breaking up into four commissions, consisting of labor, business, professional and religious; youth and national minorities.

Following the commission meetings, present plans call for reports from commission spokesmen, with adoption of a minimum program for effective action to guarantee the congress's aims.

Public Session

A public session in the evening is scheduled to end the event, topped off by remarks from a nationally prominent speaker and election of delegates to a national congress called for November 26-28 in Pittsburgh.

The national congress, also called by the American League, will aim at coordinating action on the part of forces throughout the nation seeking peace and democracy.

FARM LEADER'S APPEAL DENIED

SACRAMENTO—Arrested on frame-up charges growing out of a demonstration of 300 farmers against forcible tuberculosis testing of cows, last May in Stanislaus County, William S. Stanislaus of Hilmar, leader in the Western Cooperative Dairy-men's Union, found here last Wednesday that the 3rd District Court of Appeals was standing with the large dairy owners. His appeal for a writ of habeas corpus was denied, and he was ordered held for trial.

The Dairymen's Union has been lodging a fight against condemnation of cows without proper adequate compensation. Stanislaus was arrested on the ranch of John Borba, who had over 90 per cent of his cows condemned and who was allotted only about 25-30 per cent of their value with which to replace them.

Labor Party Goes Into Election In Buffalo, New York

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The American Labor Party will have a complete slate of candidates for all city and county offices here this fall, the great majority being independent nominees.

Thomas L. Holling, veteran member of the Typographical Union, is the labor party nominee for mayor. Although the owner of the Holling Press, the largest printing business in Buffalo, which is a 100 per cent closed shop, he continues in good standing in his union.

Holling contested the Democratic Party primaries as an independent, defeating a conservative City Hall administration candidate by a 2-to-1 majority.

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LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE EXTENDS ORGANIZATION THROUGHOUT THE U. S.

WASHINGTON—Moving further towards the establishment of a firm basis for political activity on the part of organized labor, Labor's Non-Partisan League is preparing for an organization drive which will put a permanent functioning branch in almost every locality of the union.

"Every municipal primary victory for league candidates in recent weeks has also resulted in a larger volume of requests for information as to how to set up local league branches," the League announcement said.

The League's procedure for setting up a local league calls for a meeting of interested individuals and the election of temporary officers, request for formal recognition from the state league chairman and the national office, and the contacting of all local labor organizations requesting affiliation.

ASSEMBLYMEN PLEDGE ANEW TO HELP REPEAL OF C. S. ACT

Unions Call On Webb to Drop Action Against Three in San Quentin

SAN FRANCISCO—Assemblymen Ben Rosenthal and Fred Reaves are among a large number of prominent individuals who have renewed their appeals for action to completely remove the Criminal Syndicalism law from the California statutes, it was announced here by the California Conference Against the C. S. Act.

Others taking the same action include Revel Stanfield and Vic Johnson, Modesto frame-up victims, and Dirk de Jonge, whose conviction under the Oregon C. S. Act was reversed in January by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Protests Reach Webb

Meanwhile, the conference announced, protests are flowing in to Atty. General U. S. Webb's office in San Francisco against the continued imprisonment in San Quentin of Jack Crane, Pat Chambers, and Martin Wilson after their Sacramento convictions had been reversed by the district court of appeals.

Webb Dailies

Webb has not yet declared whether or not he will stop further attempts to keep the three prisoners. Under the law, the Attorney General's office has 22 days after the appellate court's action to decide whether he will drop the case or go to the State Supreme Court.

The protests from unions and other organizations pouring into Webb's office demand the unconditional freedom of all eight of the Sacramento defendants.

The spitefulness of Webb in holding up the boys' release still supremely confident that the workers and progressives will effect their release, visitors from the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and of the International Labor Defense, declared today.

While the demands on Webb are being made, George Anderson, I.L.D. attorney, has filed a writ of habeas corpus in Marin county in an effort to effect their early freedom.

Jordan Laughs at 'CIO-Split' Yarn

LOS ANGELES—Laughing at a "dope" story in the L. A. Times predicting "revolt in the CIO camp," C. H. Jordan termed the thing "wishful thinking."

"They wish it was so and they write it that way," the CIO council secretary said. "They're just doing everything they can to split us but they may as well stop trying."

Jordan glanced swiftly through the column that has the CIO neatly doped into a pro-Bridges, anti-Bridges split.

In Complete Harmony
"As a matter of fact we have never been more closely knit. We are really working in harmony now. Of course any organization where democracy prevails, there's bound to be differences of opinion. We expect that."

"But we are in complete harmony, and we're growing so fast that the problem is how to handle the hundreds of new people who come into our organization daily."

"On October 15 we're coming out with our own union paper, the Industrial Unionist. We expect to get 50,000 paid subscriptions to that paper. So you can tell the boys on the Times they don't have to worry about the CIO. We'll get along."

SAN FRANCISCO

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BACKS DOWN UNDER FORCE OF BOYCOTT

Southside CP Hails Partial Victory and Calls for Renewed Campaign

LOS ANGELES—Seven weeks of organized pressure headed by the Goodyear Section of the Communist Party forced G. E. Esker manager of the S. H. Kress store at 4415 S. Central Avenue to agree last week to hire Negro sales girls in the future.

"The Communist Party has won the second round in this battle," declared Pettis Perry, organizer of the Goodyear Section. But he announced that the campaign will continue until the promise of the management is made more definite as to when the Negro salesgirls will be hired, and how many will be hired.

Since August 21, a widespread campaign involving large numbers of Negro and white workers in the Southside, and led by Perry, has been directed against the Kress store in an effort to end the discrimination against Negro salesgirls. The only Negro workers hired were utility girls who worked at low wages in the basement.

Courts Helped Kress

A temporary restraining injunction issued last month by Judge Rubin Schmidt forced the disbanding of the militant picket line that had characterized the first two weeks. The residents of the community continued to boycott the store. Business dropped 75 per cent.

The National Negro Congress took up the issue and began the circulation of petitions demanding the employment of Negro sales girls in equal proportion to white sales girls.

Want Promises Fulfilled
"The management of the Kress store needn't think that the Negro people are going to be fooled by any promises," he added.

In an effort to confuse the facts in the case, Esker, in announcing his agreement to hire Negro girls to do sales work, declared that "it was not until Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, editor of the Eagle, came to us and presented the real wishes of the community in the present campaign that we understood the demands."

Throughout the campaign, the Eagle has consistently supported the Kress store and on numerous occasions, has leveled attacks at the picketers and the Communist Party. A committee purportedly a "cross-section of the community" was invited by Mrs. Bass last Monday to meet with Esker. Esker's agreement followed immediately after this meeting.

Mrs. Bass Helped Store
Excluded from the conference were Perry and Leon Washington, publisher of the progressive "Sentinel" newspaper which has given whole-hearted support to residents of the community in their drive against the Kress store management "did not want to meet with any radical groups."

Commenting on the part played by "The Sentinel," in the campaign, Perry declared: "I extend congratulations to the Sentinel for its stand in the fight. Always it has supported the people while the Eagle gave space to Kress and attacked the Sentinel and indirectly the picket line."

Students to Probe Military Training at U. C. Campus

BERKELEY—An investigation of student military training was ordered by the University of California Peace Committee October 5 over the vigorous objections of William Benedict, president of Scabbard and Blade, campus military organization, and member of the committee.

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Vargas Red Scare Meets Opposition Of Powerful Foes

"State of War" Indicates Attempt at New Bloodshed; Opposition Grows to Nazi Aides of Dictator

RIO DE JANEIRO—Threat of a new series of acts of bloody suppression and violence against remaining democratic activities and organizations of Brazil was injected into the current election campaign by the minister of justice of the Vargas administration.

The announcement of the ministry was based on typical and hysterical announcements that it had intercepted secret correspondence from the "Comintern" calling for the complete disruption of Brazilian life through arson, theft, destruction of military airports (torpedoing of warships), dynamiting of military barracks and public buildings.

With this "bombshell" the minister of justice, Dr. Jose Macao Soares, called for a "state of war" which was formally declared by a subservient legislature. Everywhere, this proposed "state of war" was recognized as an impending attack which would conceivably put in the shade the cruelty and blood with which the 1935 National Liberation uprising was suppressed.

It was feared also to be a prelude to possible action of President Getulio Vargas either to enter the campaign as a candidate for election or to outlast elections and perpetuate his rule as a dictator, surrounded by agents of the German secret police.

More than is generally recognized outside of Brazil, democratic forces have been rallying throughout the country and taking a powerful part in the election campaign.

At the head of the movement stands the Democratic Student Union, which has become an outstanding spokesman for the people on every economic and political grievance. Unable to advance positive democratic slogans it organized its campaign to "combat extremism," pointing out that tremendous oppression is directed against Communists while no action is taken against the actions of the "Integrals," (domestic fascists) and the hundreds of German political and police "advisers" with which Vargas has flooded the country.

Candidate of Democracy
A mass movement of huge dimensions has been growing around the candidacy of Jose Americo de Almeida, a civil engineer and well known writer, whose books and political activities have depicted the ills of the masses and defended democracy.

On the other hand, but still in opposition to Vargas, there is the candidacy of Armando Salles de Oliveira, representing a powerful economic oligarchy, and now governor of Sao Paulo, richest Brazilian province.

The presidential campaign has been an outlet for tremendous mass actions, foremost among which was the demonstration at the military tribunal on the appeals of Pedro Ernesto, former mayor of Rio de Janeiro, and Carlos Luis Prestes. Nearly 200,000 participated.

To date Vargas has not announced himself a candidate. Moreover, his virtually open collaboration with the agents of Hitler has brought new complications to beset him. Powerful interests in Washington and London have become alarmed.

Warning to Fascists
The Welsh resolution for the loan of six old U. S. destroyers to Brazil for the training of Brazilian naval forces was interpreted as a stern warning to Hitler and Mussolini to keep hands off Latin America.

Great Britain is known to be anxious to see Salles of Sao Paulo in the presidential chair, and Salles himself has proclaimed that "there is no Communist danger in Brazil and that President Getulio Vargas is using the supposed Communist threat as a pretext to rule by martial law, thus enabling him to combat strong opposition from rival political parties."

Britain's concern for Salles is connected with large British investments in the state of Sao Paulo.

But the action of the Vargas military tribunal in confirming the long sentences against Ernesto and Prestes, one of the most revered political figures in the country, has served as a warning note that Vargas is attempting to take complete control and outlaw all opposition whatsoever.

Not only from the democratic forces led by the Student Union and rallying around America, this opposition is known to be considerable. Governors of many states have been completely unmoved by the cry of "Communism" and the revelation of non-existent "correspondence" from the Comintern.

Agua Oil Strike Ends With Substantial Gains

MEXICO CITY—After lasting for fifty-seven days, during which time the gasoline supply of Mexico City was slowly drying up, the oil strike in the Poza Rica field of the Aguila Petroleum Company came to an end on September 15th, with many important gains for the workers of the Oil Workers Union.

S. F. CHINESE DEMONSTRATE

Pickets Outpouring Calls for Anti-Japan Boycott

Japanese imperialist bombs crashing in Shanghai echoed along Grant Avenue Saturday in the most militant impressive display of anti-Japanese sentiment San Francisco's Chinatown has ever seen.

Picket lines were thrown around more than twenty Japanese stores, demanding that customers refrain from buying Japanese goods.

Organized by the Chinese Workers' Association and, supported by the Communist Party, the picket lines originally consisted entirely of Chinese boys.

Reinforcements
When policemen intervened

over forty adults, Chinese and American, were thrown into the breach. They were supported by nearly two hundred Chinese boys and girls who marched up and down Grant Avenue bearing placards asking visitors to refrain from purchasing in Japanese stores.

Police again stepped in and drove two wagon-loads of pickets to the Kearney Street Station. After a short lecture, they were released and returned to the picket lines.

As fast as one picket was arrested two other stepped into his place. At one time nearly 250 pickets patrolled Grant Avenue, laughing and shouting to Chinese sympathizers who thronged the street.

Resist Police Attack
Whenever police attempted to

make an arrest so large a crowd would gather that traffic would be completely blocked. One young Chinese, smartly dressed in riding boots and breeches defied police to arrest the crowd of youngsters and when they threatened to lead a parade of one hundred boys and girls to the police station.

"Arrest us all," he shouted. "I'm within my constitutional rights and I'll make a fool of any judge I come up before."

Officers gave up in disgust, and the young Chinese then stood in the intersection of California St. and Grant Ave. and directed automobile traffic wearing a large placard demanding an anti-Japanese boycott.

Only one or two of those arrested were detained. They were speedily released on bail provided by the International Labor Defense.

At a crowded meeting at The Chinese Workers' Association after the picketing, Chinese and Americans heard George Wolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union and other prominent speakers denounce Japan's unprincipled invasion of China.

Soviet Planes to Brave Polar Night

MOSCOW—Despite the onset of the polar night, the search for Lavensky, polar flier, continues, and is even expanding as four specially-equipped night-flying planes prepare to leave Moscow under Chukhnovsky, famed for his rescue when the Arctic crashed.

Chukhnovsky considers the best time to search is not in stormy September, when tempests mark the transition from day to night, but during the first part of the polar night beginning Oct. 10, when there is little rain or snowfall and a fire lighted by the crew is visible from the air for ever 20 miles.

To make up for the loss of radio beacons the searchers are planning to land a plane equipped with a beacon on an ice-floe nearest the most probable spot where Lavensky is. They will then use this as a radio beacon to guide an encircling survey over 60,000 square miles of polar wastes.

Up to now the polar expedition in which four scientists are adrift on an ice floe, wintering at the pole, seemed the most amazing Arctic exploit, but this is now dwarfed by the stupendous picture of a plane landing amid the polar winter night on unknown ice floes as a take off point for continuous weeks of search.

Levensky's flight was part of a planned conquest of the Arctic which the present search for him still further promotes. Levensky is actively hastening the conquest of the pole this winter, whatever his fate may be.

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One-fourth of the Drive Is Over, But... Only One-fifth of the Money Is In! The Drive Is Exactly \$1182.00 Behind!

What does this mean? Mainly that most counties face a much harder task NOW than they did on September 6, when the drive started.

WHY?

The figures below tell the story. There were 17 weeks in the Drive. We list the counties below and alongside of them the amount now raised; the average amount they had to send in EACH WEEK at the beginning of the Drive in order to fulfill quotas by Jan. 1; and last; the average amount they must send in EACH WEEK for the remaining 12 weeks.

If your county is not in heavy type, your part of the drive is in danger! Take this question up at once with leading party members and active drive workers.

Raise the October slogan everywhere: "At Least 50 Per Cent of the Quota by Nov. 7!"

County	Quota	Raised	% Raised	Average needed each week at start of Drive	Average now necessary each week
San Mateo	\$ 250	\$148.15	59.2	\$ 14.70	\$ 8.49
Merced	150	70.00	46.6	8.80	6.60
Los Angeles	12500	4232.00	33.8	735.30	647.30
Santa Barbara	350	108.48	31.0	20.60	20.10
San Francisco	7500	2118.89	28.2	441.10	442.50
Monterey	300	83.08	27.6	17.60	18.00
Sonoma	300	81.40	27.0	17.60	18.10
Santa Clara	250	58.25	23.2	14.70	16.00
Alameda	3000	450.21	15.0	176.00	212.50
Stockton	100	14.00	14.0	5.90	7.17
Tulare	100	10.00	10.0	5.90	7.50
San Bernardino	250	24.50	9.8	14.70	19.00
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2	14.70	19.20
San Diego	1000	61.13	6.1	59.00	78.25
Sacramento	500	37.20	5.4	29.40	38.60
Fort Bragg	200	5.00	2.5	11.80	16.25
Utah Section	250	5.00	2.0	14.70	20.40
Miscellaneous	3500	38.00	1.0	203.00	283.00
Contra Costa	250			14.70	20.80
Fresno	150			8.80	12.50
Bakersfield	150			8.80	12.50
Arizona	100			5.90	8.30
Nevada	100			5.90	8.30
Washington District	3500			206.00	291.60
Totals	\$35000	\$7568.39	21.6	\$2060.00	\$2286.00
Yet to be raised		27431.61	78.4		
Quota	\$35000.00	100.0			

Mussolini Grabs at Straw As Hate for Fascism Grows in Italy

Communist Party Gains Among Italian People In Drive to Stop Dictator's Attack on Living Standards

What will Mussolini do next? Will he retreat before the growing unity of the democratic powers? Will he back down before the demands of these powers that he withdraw his "volunteers" from Spain? Or will the Italian despot force France and Britain to arms in order to defend world democracy from the mad dogs of fascism?

These are the questions every newspaper reader in every country is asking today. Questions which cannot be answered without an understanding of the forces motivating the behavior of Mussolini.

Discontent of the Italian people is the most decisive of these forces.

Now loaded in addition with the burdens resulting from the Ethiopian conquest and the present Spanish invasion, the Italian masses are seething against the more than two decades of Fascist oppression. But this is not a new trend of the Italian workers and middle classes, and the growing rebellious spirit has deep-rooted causes.

In former years, Italian Fascist officials were less cautious than now in giving information as to internal conditions of oppressed Italy. For example in the "Corriere della Sera" of March 26, 1932, Signor Biagi, Secretary of the National Confederation of the Syndicates stated in an attempt to convince the big Italian capitalists of the usefulness of Fascism:

"Between June 1937 and December 1928, wages fell about 20 per cent as a result of agreements between masters and men in connection with the stabilization of the lira. A further drop of approximately 10 per cent took place in 1929, and in November, 1930 there was a general downward movement, in some cases not exceeding 18 per cent but in particular instances involving as much as 25 per cent. Moreover we must not overlook the fact that many other adjustments were made in 1931."

Needless to say these adjustments continue to be made. The last available reports on unemployment in Italy were made in 1935 when the official figure was 1,101,711 (the real figure is estimated at twice this). Mussolini then sought to solve the deeper phase of the economic crisis by a new series of wage cuts for the entire toiling population of Italy. A general wage slash of 16 per cent was ordered on wages already lower than at any time since fascism came into power. But all this was to no avail, and the Ethiopian adventure piled new burdens on the people.

Prices Skyrocket
At the same time that wages have been falling at this unbelievable rate, prices have risen. As in the case of Germany we see the lower strata of the Italian people caught as their government prepares for war, between the intolerable "scissors" of rising prices and falling wages and salaries. In fact, the minimum subsistence level in the country has increased by 18 per cent in the years 1934 to 1937, according to the "Monthly Statistical Bulletin"—a rise of one-fifth in the cost of living. In the last several months, wages have been on the increase in Italy. But this is not due to the blessings of Fascism as the official information bureaus would have Italians and the rest of the world believe.

The recent wage increases, amounting in many instances to as high as 10 per cent have been due (1) to the effect on Italy of the general easing of the world economic crisis, and (2) to the militant struggle of the Italian workers, peasants and city middle classes.

These successful struggles of the Italian people against the intolerable economic situation in which they are caught rarely get into the bourgeois news services. This fact is due to the elaborate news censoring apparatus that Mussolini has set up, as disclosed in George Seldes' "Sawdust Caesar."

Communist Slogan Hailed
Under the slogan of the heroic Communist Party of Italy, "Give the Italian people bread and work instead of wasting millions for Franco," the struggles take on two forms, the fight for higher wages and the battle against high prices.

Soon after the Fascist Government decree announcing these wage increases, the workers started the struggle for its enforcement, as the employers endeavored by all means to sabotage the decree. The Communists actively participated in this struggle; numerous stormy meetings of the workers took place in the factories and in the fascist trade unions, where the workers

stigmatized in bitter words the sabotage of the employers.

One of the tricks of the employers was to dismiss those workers who would benefit by the decree and then to re-engage them immediately afterwards at a lower-grade wage. Thus the Fascist Government pretended to have fulfilled the promises wrung from them by the workers, whilst in reality the employers did not concede anything at all.

Women Battle Prices
The struggle against high prices takes on many forms and often involves the exploited women of Italy. A foreign writer, George Brunet, who recently returned from Italy, describes in "Giustizia a Libertà" the demonstrations of women which he himself witnessed in Florence:

"These demonstrations always begin by a woman crying out about the price of cheese or oil, which is two or three soldi dearer than on the previous day. The woman becomes quite furious, and woe to the gendarme who tries to intervene. If one happens to be in the neighborhood he quietly makes himself scarce and immediately a crowd of others who are no less indignant about the unexpected price increase.

"Their voices become louder and louder: 'What are things coming to? Do you want us to die of starvation? That is what will soon come to!' Whilst ostensibly addressed to the stallkeepers, their remarks are directed against the Government. The stallkeepers, too, have in the last two months seen all their income disappearing and are certainly the last who would defend the present system against the attacks of their customers. One could see that a certain solidarity is developing between the small traders and the people."

Anti-Fascist Radio
What drives the Fascist leaders to distraction is the present mass listening into the anti-fascist radio stations of Spain

broadcasting in Italian. Rages the "Regime Fascista," mouthpiece of Mussolini:

"Many Italians have not only believed (the news broadcast by anti-fascist wireless) but have even hastened to pass it on to others without meeting anybody who gave them a smack on the head for their pains. It is not the first time that we have printed serious warnings against these spreaders of news, but unfortunately without result. And as plain warnings are not sufficient we hope that true fascists will be able to discover these mouthpieces of the Spanish wireless and pillory them."

But the "true fascists" are oftentimes afraid to report what they hear to the authorities for fear of recriminations from the "false fascists" and other sections of the desperately impoverished Italian people. Writes the "Il Popolo delle Alpi," organ of the Fascist League of Turin, regarding the so-called "panic-mongers":

"At the very moment when it is necessary to remain calm, these people come forward to engage in heroics. They frequent the cafes, the public offices, the public places; they are found in the cinemas, on the streets, under the arches. Only energetic action can be effective against such people: in all cases they should be courageously (sic) reported to the authorities. No pity for the poisoners of public opinion."

But the bludgeon no longer suffices and the Government has had to grant trifling concessions. The new measure wage increase cannot, however, prevent the Italian working people from realizing that Mussolini's regime has not brought any benefit to the mass of people, but on the contrary Il Duce's suicidal war alliance with Hitler is leading them to new disaster. Therefore the people cannot be prevented from continuing their fight against this regime until it is finally overthrown.

Diary of an American in Spain

How We Captured Fascist Fort Under Enemy's Barrage

Britishers Wary As Fascist Waves White Flag; Description of Town Held By Enemy

By ADDISON KEELER

August 28, 1937.

One of the disadvantages of reporting a battle from the standpoint of a participant in that battle is the fact that you can describe only that small sector in which your own unit operated. It is after the battle, sometimes several days afterward, that you see and talk with friends attached to other companies and battalions and so begin to see the picture as a whole.

Yesterday I described briefly the taking of the fortress on the hill which dominates the City of Quinto and the valley in which it is situated as well as an important highway. Last night my outfit camped again with the 15th Brigade and I was able to pick up some additional details which may be of interest to you.

Plan of Attack
The general plan was to storm the fort after a concentration of tank and artillery fire scheduled to start about six a. m. and last an hour. The assumption was that the enemy machine guns would be almost silenced and our troops could then advance under cover fire from the tanks. But the enemy was much more strongly entrenched than anyone realized, their guns well hidden and well manned.

As soon as our artillery lessened its fire these enemy machine guns laid down a perfect and constant hail of bullets. Although our forces advanced per schedule up the slopes of the hill they were soon obliged to retire to cover, so great was the enemy fire which I can only describe as a veritable sheet of the fast-flying steel. An American comrade who advanced with the American section of the English Battalion told me that their commander realized almost immediately that it was impossible to make headway without terrific loss of life and so ordered his men back into partial shelter.

The Spanish Company on our right flank, advanced into an exposed position and would have suffered many casualties had not one of our tanks covered its retreat. Several Spanish comrades were wounded. Our own company laid stretched out near the summit of a knoll from which we were ordered to give cover fire for the Spanish and to follow them at 40 metres distance. Our light machine gun and crew were placed at the disposal of the English. Here is an interesting fact which shows how quickly even inexperienced men grow accustomed to being under gun fire. The attack having been abandoned and there being no need of providing cover fire, many of our men, tired out by the previous night's march, fell sound asleep on that exposed hillside undisturbed by the din of artillery and tank fire and the bullets whistling overhead.

Surrender or Rise?
Along about noon the enemy fired down and a fascist availed of the parapet of the fort waving a white flag. The orders went out to cease fire but it was some time before our machine gunners in the valley and our tanks could be notified and for a while it looked as though the battle might continue. Some of the English comrades were of the opinion that the showing of the flag was a ruse to draw our men into the open, where they could be mowed down by the enemy machine gunners.

What was to be done? Some hot heads even argued for fighting it out despite the offer of surrender.

At last the question was settled by an American sailor, section leader of the American section of the English Company. Unarmed, O'Toole lead a small group of men with their rifles slung over their shoulders up the hillside to test the fascists' offer of surrender. The rest prepared to give him cover in case of treachery fingers on the triggers of rifles and machine guns, but the offer was genuine and all our forces followed on up to the fort.

One more word about the church in Quinto—and a correction. The fascists who held it so tenaciously were not finally ousted as a result of our nitroglycerine raid (as I erroneously reported in my letter of yesterday). On the morning following the raid thirty fascists appeared in the doorway of the church, their arms raised high in surrender. But when our comrades of the International Brigade approached, two fascist officers whipped revolvers from their belts and opened fire. What followed, I leave to your imagination.

For twenty-four hours following the taking of the fort, our company stood guard duty in the captured city of Quinto with orders to prevent looting, pending the return of the evacuated civilian population. I can't describe to you the impression which the sight of this deserted, war-scarred city had upon us. It certainly intensified more than anything we have seen, our hatred of war, and of fascism, the cause of war. It is true that our artillery and aviation spared the city, concentrating their bombardment upon the trenches on

the outskirts and upon the fortified cemetery and fortress. But there was plenty of destruction due to the street fighting in the course of which our comrades had to use many bombs to dislodge the fascist soldiers and snipers.

Horrors of War
This must once have been a beautiful and picturesque little Spanish city. That night we found it full of ugliness, the horror of death and destruction. We picked our way through streets which were knee deep in debris from demolished masonry and splintered woodwork, passing now and then dead fascists half buried under the litter. Electric light wires hung in a tangle across streets; as we marched, ahead of us fled an assortment of stray animals, dogs, cats, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

The town plaza had been the scene of the worst fighting and it was in a building near the plaza that we were quartered for the night. Directly opposite, flames crackled in the upper story of a pharmacy and now and again an explosion would occur as the heat set off a bomb. There were literally hundreds of these fascist bombs in houses throughout the town, as we discovered when a detail of us investigated. The fascists had tunneled through the walls of the buildings so that they could fight from house to house without descending to the streets. Every room facing the square was an arsenal packed with rifles and ammunition, hand grenades and "potato-mashers."

That night the entire company stood guard, patrolling the streets in groups of five. The following morning while some of us rounded up the stray animals and herded them into a corral near the river, others went through the houses collecting weapons, bombs and ammunition. In the afternoon, we were marched out of Quinto in full equipment to rejoin the 15th Brigade.

FLAHERTYS SPEAK AT L.A. MEETINGS

LOS ANGELES—Having been received by a large welcoming delegation which included leading Los Angeles liberals, the Flaherty brothers on tour for the Americans fighting for the Spanish government, were scheduled to address a mass meeting in the Philharmonic Auditorium here Wednesday, October 13.

John Anson Ford, county supervisor, was scheduled to preside. Expected on the platform with the visitors was a large group of the official reception committee, including Rube Borroughs, Judge Robert W. Kenney, Carey McWilliams, Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal, Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney, Oliver Thornton, Charles L. Upton, Assemblyman Sam Yorty, and A. L. Entenza, the latter a past national commander of the Spanish war veterans.

Crowds in North
Advices from San Francisco told of overflow meetings which greeted the brothers, Charles, Frank and Edward Flaherty, who returned from Spain after two of them had been severely wounded in action and the third took sick after four months of fighting.

At the Irish-American Hall in San Francisco an overflow meeting contributed \$418 for the Americans now in Spain. Included was \$10 given by Kathleen Norris, who sat on the platform. A resolution condemning the presence of Vittorio Mussolini in San Francisco was passed. Other Bay Area meetings were similarly enthusiastic.

To Show Film
The Philharmonic Auditorium meeting will include the showing of a film of battle scenes involving Americans in Spain.

The Flahertys' tour will be continued the following night, October 14, with a meeting in Wilmington Bowl for the benefit of San Pedro, Long Beach and the harbor area. Friday night, October 15, they will speak at Masonic Temple, 234 S. Brand Boulevard, Glendale.

Miners' Union to Organize Independents

MEXICO CITY—A special organizing commission of the Industrial Union of Mining and Metallurgical Workers is being sent to the Territory of Lower California for the purpose of bringing several independent miners' groups into the national union.

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"An Empty Wagon Rattles the Loudest"

EDWARD D. VANDELEUR wants a bigger puddle. He is tired of being the biggest frog in the murky puddle made for him by the California employers, and wants to extend his field of operations as a No. 1 strikebreaker.

That's the story of the trip made by the State Federation of Labor secretary to the American Federation of Labor convention at Denver. Needless to say, such devotion to the labor-splitting and union-busting campaign of William Green and the AFL executive council, did not go unrewarded. Vandeleur has been named "organizer" on the Pacific Coast to set up a national council of cannery and agricultural "unions."

What the AFL convention is doing, is thus brought home particularly effectively to all West Coast workers. In that convention of outspoken strikebreakers, Vandeleur's threats were outdone by none!

"If the American Federation of Labor will come forward now, in 30 days we can destroy forever the Committee for Industrial Organization in California, Washington and Oregon."

Vandeleur bragged that the State Federation bureaucrats had spent \$100,000—in per capita from AFL workers—to fight the workers in the CIO, and asked for more money from the AFL for the same purpose. He promised to "organize" two-thirds of the 300,000 cannery and agricultural workers on the West Coast within a year.

Benjamin Franklin said: "An empty wagon rattles the loudest."

Vandeleur will not be able to make good his boasts, either to "destroy the CIO" or to "organize" the cannery and agricultural workers.

The voices of the cannery workers at Stockton and Sacramento, the Salinas lettuce workers—brutally beaten and shot in fighting for their rights, only to be betrayed by Vandeleur—will cry out too loudly for this stooge of the employers to fool many more workers.

Vandeleur may sign "agreements" of the yellow dog variety in closed rooms with his friends of the Associated Farmers and the Cannery League, but the workers are demanding real unions and are turning in ever-increasing numbers to the democratic CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Two Congresses to Rally California for Peace

TWO congresses are scheduled in California with a vital bearing on world peace.

They are called together by the American League Against War and Fascism. Appropriately they are called Congresses for Peace and Democracy. One will be held at the Studio Carpenters' Hall in Hollywood next Sunday, Oct. 17, and the other at Scioto's Hall in San Francisco a week later, on the 24th.

It must be recognized that neither President Roosevelt's speech, nor the action of the U. S. government in branding Japan as an aggressor, will in themselves guarantee that America will be kept out of the war. But the speech and the action of the government do give the American people a tremendous opportunity to speed the unity of the labor and progressive forces.

These are the forces whose unified mass opinion can make America a force for peace in the world and keep war out of America.

But to put President Roosevelt's speech into action, to mobilize America for cooperation with the peace-loving nations of the world, means at the same time to fight the reactionary forces who would destroy both Democracy within the country and peace without.

William Randolph Hearst led the pack of opponents of the President's speech. The same reactionary forces who led the attack on the social legislation of the New Deal have attacked the proposal for the U. S. to aid the defeat of fascism and militarism abroad. Vigilantism has run rife in California. The episodes in Imperial and Orange Counties, in Stockton and Salinas, were aimed at destroying the trade unions. The congresses for Democracy and Peace must combat these forces in their efforts for world peace.

Every trade union and progressive organization should elect delegates, and prepare also to support the coming national Congress at Pittsburgh from November 26 to 28.

The way to peace is to unite those forces who want it!

A Joyous Event For All Humanity

TWENTY YEARS ago, on November 7th, the Russian common people united behind the Bolshevik slogans of "All Power to the Soviets," and "Peace, Land and Bread."

They smashed the capitalist government that had held power since March of that year and set up their own government—a Soviet government, a government for the people.

Immediately the capitalist world raised a howl. It sent armies to crush the people's government. It set up lie manufacturing plants at Riga and other cities and launched a campaign of slander and filth against the Soviet people that has not stopped to this day. And it's been howling ever since.

But the Soviet people knew what they wanted and got it. Despite almost insurmountable opposition from the landlords and industrialists within and without the country, they succeeded in building Socialism.

Today, twenty years later, the magnitude of that success is a cause of continuous wonder and astonishment throughout the world. Capitalist governments abuse and vilify the heroes of the Soviet Union, and seek to minimize the stature of their achievement, while the masses of the world's population look more and more toward those achievements as the one promise of happiness.

Today, on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Revolution, the Soviet people are rejoicing in a bumper harvest, a new and democratic constitution, a land freed of exploitation, and a far-reaching program dedicated to a fuller and happier life for everyone.

Today, throughout the capitalist world, millions of workers long for abundance, liberty, and the opportunity to live happily. This is why, on November 7, all over the world these workers will come together to celebrate an occasion which brought these things within their reach.

For today as never before, humanity marches determinedly toward its universal goal—world socialism.

Japan Is Vulnerable; Boycott Japanese Goods

"MADE in Japan," says a tiny label on countless thousands of small and large articles sold in this country.

Don't buy these goods.

Buying Japanese goods means to give Japan economic support to carrying on its murderous invasion of China. It means to strengthen the most dangerous enemy of world peace today.

But no country could be forced more readily to come to terms through a boycott. Japan's foreign trade, in which it can compete in world markets because of the terrifically low wages paid to its workers, is a veritable Achilles heel. Japan is vulnerable. America is one of its biggest markets. Stop that market!

The British trade union movement has already taken action, and has appealed to the American Federation of Labor for the same action. But this boycott must not be confined to the labor movement. It is the responsibility of every individual and group that wants to aid in the campaign for peace today.

Watch for the "made in Japan" label, especially on these products: Cotton tissue and sheeting, cotton yarn, raw silk, silk pongee, silk tissues, knitted goods, canned goods (especially sea foods), pottery and glass, rubber soled and canvas shoes, manufactured light metals, toys, brushes, rubber boots, machine parts, novelties.

Stores will try to sell you Christmas toys from Japan. Refuse them!

Don't buy silk in any form.

Get your organization to take action supporting the boycott! Spread it.

"Don't Buy Japanese Goods" must become an active cry in the fight for peace.

Get the Campaign Out Of the Committee

THE leadership of the San Francisco Labor Council is clearly shirking, or evading, one of the gravest responsibilities it holds from the rank and file of the affiliated unions.

With little more than two weeks remaining before the November 2nd elections, the local unions know virtually nothing of what is being done to defeat the vicious new anti-picket ordinance that is on the ballot.

This means only one thing: that whatever resolutions the top committee entrusted with this responsibility may be passing, it is not carrying on a campaign of any proportions.

Last year the campaign was undemocratic enough. A delegated body from all locals met regularly. It could make suggestions, but could not govern policy. That was entrusted to an appointed committee. Nevertheless, this delegated body did result in making the membership alert and able to carry on a wide and militant campaign.

This year no delegated body of any kind is functioning. Nominally the campaign is directed by the executive boards of the Labor Council and Building Trades Council plus a few additional appointees. The locals are not brought into action. The campaign is virtually buried in committee, so far as official Labor Council activity is concerned.

It is not too late. Before President John F. Shelley left for Long Beach, he made a proposal to revive the delegated body. Do it now!

Further, the Labor Council could strengthen the campaign tremendously by cooperating with two other agencies which are involved in the same campaign: The Honest Government Committee and the CIO Industrial Council.

Make it a joint campaign! Make it a mass campaign! Every union member an active

These Are the Men Who Saved Labor's Unity



SEATED left to right: Jack Price, R. H. McLaughlin, William E. Maher, W. W. Phelps, A. M. Donnelly, Harry Bridges, H. C. Adams and Matt Meehan. Standing, left to right: C. A. Philippi, Pete Garcia, Jack Scabill, Tom Brown, Walter Mahafey, D. C. Mays, Henry Schmidt, Bruce Hamon, George Miller and R. O. Powell. They form the District Executive Board of the ILWU. They met to plan the fight against the recent dock embargo instituted by officials of the Teamsters' Union.

JUSTICE BLACK'S SPEECH AND THE FIGHT ON REACTION

IN ESTIMATING the radio speech of Justice Black, and the renewed fury of almost the entire press against this nomination, the American people cannot lose sight of the basic, really fundamental issues.

The Black case is not an isolated case concerned with the personal history or limitations of Black alone. The Black case is another phase in the deep-seated political struggle which reached such a high pitch in the presidential fight of 1936 between Roosevelt and Landon, and which has continued in various forms up to the present moment.

Behind the anti-Roosevelt drive of the groups which Roosevelt himself has characterized as the "Tories and Lord Macaulays of today," the people can see the hard-bitten multi-millionaire crowd that wants to smash all labor and farm legislation, wreck the social insurance program, dismantle the WPA projects, cut off relief, stop federal housing and junk the whole idea of social legislation.

This clique, with its organization stemming from the duPont-Hearst circles, today takes the lead in all moves designed to terrorize the labor movement and progressive movements of any shade whatsoever in order to protect its privileges and huge fortunes.

Its fight on the Supreme Court proposals of Roosevelt and of Justice Black's appointment is the embodiment of its fight against everything constructive and progressive in American life.

Tory Strategem Against Progressives

In 1936, the American people overwhelmingly rejected the outlook and proposals of these reactionaries. The people rejected by a huge majority the idea of the government protecting the rich in order to help the poor, the idea of "priming the pump," the political platform of Coolidge Hoover and Landon.

In 1936 the people gave the administration a historic mandate against the privileged few, against the clique of inherited wealth and power.

But, having lost the 1936 elections, the Economic Royalists of the giant corporations and big fortunes did not give up the battle. They retreated the better to renew the attack. The Tories of America decided to turn their 1936 defeat into a victory by a series of maneuvers after the elections, and in this way to turn back the tide of social legislation and reform.

The case of Justice Black is another engagement in this historic battle between the multi-millionaire minority and the hard-working, honest majority.

When the Black issue arose, the Daily Worker work of the whole case. It declared in its September 16th issue that "the whole question of Justice Black offers a much-needed opportunity to clarify the fundamental principles of Americanism. Such clarification, if the progressives do not permit the reactionaries to stampede them into pulling their chestnuts out of the fire, can greatly help in wiping reactionary influence from American lives. Justice Black can contribute toward this end by repudiating in unmistakable terms his past connection with the Klan and by making clear his present position. The progressives—the whole American people—await the answer."

Now that Black has spoken, how evaluate his speech?

He admitted membership in the Klan—an ignominious admission to have to make. But he disavowed allegiance to the principles of Klanism, to the bigotry aimed against Negro, Jew and Catholic. He pledged support for the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, and all the rights of American citizens. That was the positive side

of his address.

Weaknesses in Speech

But it is Justice Black's reluctance or incapacity to strike sharply and hard against the unscrupulous reactionaries who engineered the present battle against him which has unloosed the new barrage of reaction.

The weakness of Justice Black's speech was that he did not seize on the magnificent opportunity which the occasion offered him to unmask the dangerous and fascist-minded forces which are now trying to stampede the country once more. Justice Black could have torn the disguise off the enemies and shown them to be none other than the very forces now organizing Black Legionism, Klanism, vigilanteism, "citizens' committees," mob violence, and religious prejudice in their fight against the trade unions and the people's movement generally.

Had Justice Black branded and repudiated the Klan by name, had he affirmed his determination specifically to enforce the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, had he warned the country against vigilanteism and Black Legionism and the Tom Girdlers, Henry Fords, duPonts who are organizing these movements, Justice Black could have aided in rallying the Negro people, the American trade unions, the farm, civic and religious groups against the bigoted, big-business reactionaries.

His weakness was his conciliation with the reactionary conspiracy which, in being aimed against him, is really directed against the hopes and desires of the American people in factory, farm and office. This conciliatory note casts doubt on the degree to which he can be depended upon to fight the dark forces of reaction within and outside the court.

Tories Aim to Block Court Reform

The strategy of the gang that was defeated in 1936 is concentrated on killing the Supreme Court reform. If they can retain the present court, then the McReynolds, Butlers, Sutherlands, and Hughes, will be in a position to knife the mandate which the people gave the Administration for a new program of Federal social legislation.

Hence their fury in the Black case. With the Black issue, the Tories hope to confuse and disorganize the people's movement, they hope to befuddle the liberal opinion of the country, and to trick it into the camp of reaction.

In gunning for Black, the Tories of the Wall Street offices are gunning for the coming fight in Congress on court reform, social legislation and civil liberty. They want to kill such measures as the wage and hour bill, farm legislation; they want to smother the LaFollette investigation of vigilanteism. The Black issue is the camouflage of their attack.

It is the same enemy as 1936—but with a liberal mask on. It is the same as when Hitler used the mask of "Socialism" to foist fascism on the German people.

The American people recognize the enemy in 1936—they were not tricked then. They must not be tricked and close their ranks as never before against the latest schemings of their enemy, which knows how to disguise itself so shamelessly.

In the political struggles of the hour, with reaction on the offensive, what can guarantee the realization of the people's mandate and the protection of civil liberties? An American People's Front, gathering all of labor, the farm folk, the middle-class, the progressives in every walk of American life, into a united movement for social progress. In the fight on the court issue that must be the lesson and the goal of our efforts.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

When History Is Written

THE Law and Order program is founded in a spirit of love for our city, a recognition of the wonderful opportunity of her people, and a belief in her great destiny. The Law and Order program insists upon a respect for the Constitution of the United States, a respect so deep that it may not with impunity be assailed, and it insists upon respect for the American flag and all it represents of the spirit of human liberty."

The above-quoted phrases of sanctimonious hypocrisy are not from a statement of the American Liberty League or the Republican Party. They come from the "Law and Order Program" adopted by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in 1916, which proudly boasted that they put the infamous anti-picketing ordinance on the city's statute books in that year, where it stood for 20 years.

Draped in the Flag

What were the high and noble principles that the "Law and Order" Committee of 100 stood for at that time? This is a verbatim quotation from their printed program: "Board of Directors of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce declare war for open shop. The declaration of policy included the following principles: (1) A demand for the integrity of contractual relations. (2) The maintenance of law and order. (3) The principle of the open shop."

So the vigilantes of those days wrapped themselves up in the American flag, and indulged in flights of poetic oratory to describe their war against labor to maintain the sacred principles of the open shop. What has all this, which happened in 1916, got to do with 1937?

Because the names heading that "Law and Order Committee" sound strangely familiar! Frederick J. Koster, Herbert Fleishhacker, William H. Crocker were on that committee in 1916. All three of them are also on the notorious "Committee of 43" set up by the San Francisco Industrial Association to carry on their war against the maritime unions and the CIO, and were behind the recent ill-fated attempt to blockade the waterfront. Other names on the 1916 committee which have a familiar ring: A. P. Giannini, Captain William Matson, Captain Robert Dollar, J. D. Spreckels. Bankers, industrialists, shipowners!

Behind Present Vigilantism

Is it too much to assume that the people who put the anti-picketing ordinance on the statute books in 1916, are behind the present campaign to place a more vicious ordinance on the books, after the people of San Francisco repealed the 20-year-old ordinance in the May, 1937, elections?

The "Law and Order" Committee of 1916 boasted of other "achievements" besides the anti-picketing ordinance. They were behind the Mooney frame-up. They drove the striking longshoremen back to work under the open shop. They broke the culinary workers' strike in the same year. Their report proudly boasts: "Members of the Culinary Crafts Strike and Restaurant Men's Association Declares for the Open Shop. Finally Breaking the Strike." They broke the structural steel workers' strike under open shop conditions. They broke the Bay and River Boatmen's strike under open-shop conditions. They would do the same today if they could, these "first citizens" of San Francisco.

Today, these employer-interests are behind the attempted revival of vigilantism in California. A war chest is being raised by the bankers and growers of Sonoma County. Similar activities are reported from Southern California. They are blood brothers of the nationwide vigilante movement organized by the Johnstown, Pa., "Citizens' Committee," the steel barons who murdered the steel strikers. The fact that the "Law and Order" crusaders of 1916 are today forced to sign agreements with unions is not because they have changed their labor-hating philosophy.

"Handle Workers With Bullets"

Their pious talk about "the integrity of contractual relations" was exploded when they shut their eyes to the deliberate attempt of the Teamsters Union czars, Beck and McLaughlin, to paralyze the port of San Francisco and starve out the longshoremen and warehousemen. No outcry about the Teamsters Union "violating contracts" then!

The patriotic high-mindedness of San Francisco's "first citizens" can be judged by the oft-quoted statement of Captain Robert Dollar that the way to handle labor is with bullets! Or the premature exultation of the late but unlamented Wm. H. Crocker, after the San Francisco General Strike:

"The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs, we won't have to worry about them any more. Labor is licked."

Or take Fleishhacker, whose crooked dealings are now being aired in the courts, although the "free press" of California dare not publish a word about it! Or you can have Giannini, the pal of Mussolini!

When history is written, the names of San Francisco's first citizens will not come from the roster of the Chamber of Commerce. That will be dead and forgotten, or remembered only with contempt.

THAT DAILY PAPER

Monterey Front!
Socialist Competition
Victory in November
Strange Interlude

San Francisco Drive Notes

FLASH—Laborer's Unit of San Francisco fulfilled its quota of \$100.00. Eighty per cent of the day's pay has been collected. They pledge to raise another \$100.00, which means they will double their quota.

The meeting of all drive directors of San Francisco held Saturday, October 9th, pledged to have 40 per cent of San Francisco's quota in by Saturday, October 15th. That means by next Saturday they will have turned in \$3,000.00. To date they have turned in \$2218.90.

The Industrial Section has raised 30 per cent of its quota.

The waterfront has turned in 23 per cent of its quota.

BANG! Just like that out of a clear sky, MONTEREY COUNTY sent in \$47.93 to jump its percentage to 27 per cent in the County Standings. Comrade E. MILLER at Santa Cruz is the Drive manager. The SANTA CRUZ comrades, by the way, are doing just about the best single work in the State, and not barring little Alameda City Unit, either.

(Which brings the thought: "What happened to Alameda City, anyway?")

The Winner?

WHICH COUNTY will win the AB Dick Auto-Feed Mimeograph Machine? As the Drive gets under way, the competition for this valuable addition to any county's technical equipment is bound to get hotter than hot. Right now, SAN FRANCISCO, MERCED, MONTEREY and SANTA BARBARA seem to be the chief contestants. And that brings us to...

WHICH unit or branch will also win one of these mimeograph machines by doing the best work in the Drive? So far, there aren't many outstanding units or branches (at least we don't know of any) who have entered the competition. Won't it be too bad if the State Drive Committee has to return an auto-feed mimeo machine because no Communist unit or branch in the State thought it worth working for? And that gets us to an announcement.

WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE "WESTERN" ABOUT THE BIG PRIZES IN THE SOCIALIST COMPETITION FOR INDIVIDUAL PRESS BUILDERS.

Confidence

BIG NEWS of this issue is that SAN MATEO COUNTY is definitely planning to hold a Victory Dinner on THANKSGIVING DAY, which means that they are certain of completing their quota by then. They have challenged SANTA CLARA to complete their quota by the same time.

WHOA! HOLD ON! We just got through telling you that no outstanding units in the state had entered the competition for the Mimeo award to the best unit. So right now comes a letter from SAN MATEO COUNTY which states that Unit No. 3 down there has ALREADY COMPLETED ITS QUOTA BY 104 PER CENT AND IS GOING RIGHT AHEAD FULL STEAM! We take it all back and give you SAN MATEO No. 3 as the leading contender for the best unit award.

MORE from SAN MATEO. The Menlo Park Unit put on a "Chicken Breakfast" dinner Sunday, the 10th. Haven't heard how it made out yet. South City will put on a house party Oct. 16th and a unit picnic follows immediately on the 17th. Then Redwood City No. 1 gives a dinner and Halloween Party on the mystic night and the county puts on a public mass meeting November 7th. Then, as we told you before, the County puts on an "OVER THE TOP" dinner with turkey as the piece de resistance on Nov. 21st. The letter from SAN MATEO continues:

"The SAN MATEO-BURLINGAME UNIT, consisting of a majority of trade union comrades, is the thorn in our sides, as they are the only ones who have not set any plans as yet. We feel confident of fulfilling our pledge by Thanksgiving Day, and SANTA CLARA is going to have to step on it if they are to beat us."

WHAT ABOUT IT, SAN MATEO-BURLINGAME COMRADES? Are you, by your lack of interest and work in the Drive, going to lose your county a chance to get that mimeograph machine?

Strange Interlude

THE OTHER DAY a shiny, sleek limousine drew up before 121 Haight. The chauffeur leaped out, opened the door for a pleasant-faced lady who promptly entered the Western Worker office.

"Can I get," she asked diplomatically Mary Wright, Western Worker "Front" Office girl, "Some copies of that issue of your paper with the story about Mr. Fleishacker in it?"

"Most certainly," said Mary. "How many do you want?"

The lady from the limousine bought 12 copies and asked if more could be obtained if she wanted them. Upon being assured there were plenty, she asked the subscription rate to the "Western."

Then, having finished her business, she left the office. The trim chauffeur leaped out to open the door, closed it after her and the shiny, sleek limousine purred away.

Gosh, don't ask me... your guess is as good as mine.

Eaton Dies to Save Humanity

Belchite, Spain
Sept. 9, 1937.

Dear Comrades,

The battle of Belchite is over and our eyes are turned towards Zaragoza—a Fascist "stronghold."

Belchite is just one of those cities along with Quinto, Codo, Puertic, Medina, that bowed down to the anti-fascist troops that were determined to sweep all places clean in the campaign on Zaragoza.

The 15th International Brigade fulfilled every step of its mission and won glory and honor for the anti-fascist populations that sent them to Spain.

The American Battalions and sections of Americans in Spanish Battalions won a cherished spot in the hearts of the Spanish soldiers and people in all these engagements. The folks in America who still love the traditions of 1776—will be proud of their boys who perpetuated America's great traditions. The fire of determination that animated our boys in action proves that America's Fascists, wherever and whenever they show their faces will get a beating such as no other fascists ever received.

A Great American

Working people of California—I shout aloud—one of your best sons was killed—Henry Eaton of Los Angeles—he was a great American with the spirit of a John Brown—a fighter, honest, calm—with a great regard for his fellow-men.

I just read in the Daily Worker that his mother joined the Communist Party. That is the spirit of Henry Eaton.

Mother Eaton—we deeply mourn your loss and our loss, but just as Henry Eaton did, we will keep our heads up and FIGHT until our enemy is vanquished. Henry kept a wonderfully consistent diary, which we are sending his mother. I hope the diary will be recorded in the Western daily and from all signs, there will be a DAILY WESTERN—that would be California's best answer for our Henry Eaton.

Henry and I entered a friendship on the Center Madrid Front, seeing as how we are both from California and always looking for the Western Worker.

I was then in the Lincoln and in the Washington Battalion, but after the Center Front battles, our Battalions merged. In

Mayan Offering Satirizes Society

By O. C. YOUNG

"THE WORLD WE LIVE IN," by Josef and Karel Capek, translated from the Czech by Paul Selver, at the "Mayan Theatre," Federal Theaters, Los Angeles.

"The world we live in" is an ingenious satire on bourgeois society. In an excellent prologue, a vagrant, a former scholar who finds no market in this society for his complex labor, philosophizes with a professor of entomology (science of insects) over the insanity and the contradictions of the capitalist system.

Through a magnifying lens, left behind by the professor, the vagrant observes insect life which he compares with that of human beings. Then follow four delightful acts in which the human characters are portrayed as insects and snails.

The authors dedicate one act to rugged individualism. In excellent satire it delineates capitalists as beetles, creepers, and crawlers, salting away a pile of manure (gold), and mercilessly killing for their own individual gain and debauchery. The petty bourgeois is pictured as a cricket who stupidly delights in the sufferings of his fellow man, believing that the other fellow's loss will be his gain. But he too is devoured by the rapacious capitalist Ichneumon Fly.

Indicts Fascism

Another act is a dramatic indictment of the corporate state under fascist rule. In fast moving scenes it depicts at ever increasing tempo the murderous speed-up system in industry and its overnight metamorphosis into a vast munition plant. The characters are portrayed as ants. The "leader" appoints god to be rank of colonel. He exclaims that "The Hole" wants peace, and therefore it must have war, war until it has destroyed all its enemies to the last man.

John Baird is to be commended for his excellent directing and staging of the play. Among a large cast of high above the average performers, Jack Baston as the vagrant and Walter Marshall as Ichneumon Fly score highly.

Modern settings, artistically designed by John Friedman, feature an effect of a huge microscope, through which "the insects" are seen.

Eddison von Ottenfeld, the conductor of the off-stage orchestra, has written an excellent original score for the play.

It is scheduled to run until October 24, as the third work in the Federal Theatres' cycle of international playwrights.

Charts for Teaching Labor

VISUAL-LECTURE SHEET



BECAUSE the eye is older than the spoken word, speakers find that ideas stay fixed in the mind of an audience better if accompanied by visual impression. This chart helps the speaker make his points on the need for labor unions. It has been very successful in organization drives. Many others of a similar nature have been prepared by the Visual Education Press, 840 Broadway, New York City. They are accompanied by outlines and instruction and deal with co-ops, American monopolies, agriculture and labor history.

the preparations for the campaign on Zaragoza, an experiment was under way of putting an American Company into a Spanish Battalion (The 24th Battalion).

Of Leninist Mold

Henry was put in charge of political work and I was placed in military command of this American Company and especially to experience the comradeship of a man, such as only the teachings of Lenin could mold—but I always felt that his mother had a great influence on him, because he had many attributes long before he ever heard of Lenin.

In the special bombing parties at Quinto, we volunteered, together with 8 others. There was no fear in his eyes—he was always conscious of his convictions. Death meant nothing.

Outside of Belchite, our American Company was given the duty of making an open attack at one point of the city. We didn't go 25 feet before a bullet ended Eaton's life instantly. The effectiveness of the enemy's fire was so obvious that we retired. That evening a few comrades went out and placed Henry on a stretcher and brought him in.

A Grave Is Dug

A grave was dug, and during the day I inscribed appropriate words on a wooden slab. Ten minutes before a night attack on Belchite we held services for Henry Eaton. The services were closed with these remarks, that we name our Company the HENRY EATON company and

that we pledge to CARRY ON. With our heads unbared we raised our hands in an anti-fascist Salute—PASERAMOS.

Our company did its work well that evening. The next day we charged up the hill in one of the

To the Mother of Henry Eaton

Dear Comrade:

It is with the deepest sorrow and regret that we bring you the news of the death of your beloved son Henry on the Saragossa Front in Spain.

The news has come to us in a letter from a well-known Party comrade in California, Carl Bradley, a copy of which letter we are attaching herewith.

Henry died fighting—fighting courageously, giving his young life for a battle to save humanity and the world.

Our whole party in California has suffered a real loss. We mourn this loss, together with you, his mother.

Comradely yours,
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

most spectacular advances, reached our point and gave battle—three dead and seven wounded. The action of our company so inspired the Spanish Battalion with the idea of advance and storm that several hours later they stormed the place and all together we bombed and fired the outskirts of that flank. To

wards morning our battalion had gotten half of the city, almost as far as the Plaza where the Fascists were entrenched.

Our company set up a barricade at that point of the street (dead man's point) which was as far as we could proceed—to within talking distance of the Fascists.

At the Barricades

One comrade who could talk Spanish spoke to them over the barricade, they answered back with Franco's deceptive slogan "Viva Spain"—that Franco was fighting for Spain and that the Republican forces were being fooled and that the soldiers of the International Brigade were here to capture Spain for themselves.

We answered back not to confuse anti-fascist fighters with the imperialist aims of Mussolini and Hitler who are helping Franco so they can have Spain for themselves, etc., etc.

All day long we fought—at the barricade—and aided by artillery fire and fire from tanks the resistance of the fascists was being reduced, but the officers knew that death awaited them so they forced the rank and file soldiers at the point of the gun to keep up the resistance.

Here our company was able to employ good street fighting methods. We built timely barricades in the right location and guarded them well. During the day we were sent to attack the fascist barricade, because the "Street" was an important point.

At point x our Company took to side doors and houses and throwing bombs ahead we cleared the fascists away and took

their barricade, but this was no good for us so we constructed another while bombs were being thrown by our men ahead, which was like this, giving us a decided advantage to cripple the fascist movements seriously at this street.

In the engagements up to this moment, the company lost eight men and 21 were wounded, but victory was coming on wings.

Later in the evening many prisoners were collected from the surrounding houses, and early in the dark of the next day, a sound car of our army laid down some cool facts to the fascists about our mission, and incidentally, the futility of their position. The Spanish Republican anthem preceded the speech and after the speech.

All was death quiet and the re was a short clash between the men and their officers and in a few minutes time there came from the throat the singing of the Internationale while during the day the same throats cried Viva Franco.

There is no moment in a man's life that brings out so graphically the correctness of Marx and Lenin as an event like this. They sang the Internationale well—somewhat better than some of the folks at 121 Haight—that's a revolutionary singing challenge for California.

War-refugees then came out of the tunnels and cellars. In one house there were seven nuns dressed in white and black—they had been taking care of wounded. The Fascist medical officers had deserted the wounded and left the brunt to the nuns. They looked at us, what we would do to them? Their minds were filled with fascist propaganda of rape, murder and torture.

"Comrade Sister"

It seemed they had resigned themselves to this fate—and what was their joyous surprise when we gave them bread, eggs and milk, and some canned goods. What surprise they showed when our medical officer asked the nuns which were the most serious cases so they could start treatment immediately for them!

At one point of the street where ruins laid scattered, I and several other comrades made special efforts to help them by the arm. For the first time I saw their face glow with a smile and it was so relieved as if someone had come to help them of their burdens. Several said to us "Muy bien" (very good).

I felt like asking—"see Comrade Sister—the people who fight for Democracy against Fascism are not so terrible as painted, but I saw in her face that she understood. Besides it will all come out in the wash."

Muy bien—Salud!
CARL BRADLEY.

P.S. Fight for a Daily Western Worker and help the boys out whenever you can.

Novel Portrays Life Of Coal Miners

"All's Fair" by Richard Wormser, Modern Age Books (Blue Seal) 25 cents.

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A young union organizer is sent into War County disguised as a mine owners son, to solve the murder of a fellow organizer and lay the basis for a union organization. Young Mac is invited to stay at the home of Alastair's where he meets "Old Man's Alastair's Sue. He nearly forgets his assignment but the Miners Struggles and the union keep Mac on the job, fighting.

The story ends in a sudden unexpected climax. The book is one of the kind which takes the reader from the first page to the last at a breathless pace with evermounting excitement, a book one can not lay down once started.—AL GIRDARD.

Labor Dep't Mediating In Railroad Dispute

MEXICO CITY—After all discussion between the Union of Railroad Workers and the Mexican Railroad Company had proved powerless to solve the outstanding conflict over wages of the lowest paid personnel, the labor department has begun mediation in the hope of averting the threatened strike.

The Mexican Railroad is a privately operated, British-owned concern, running between Mexico City and the port of Vera Cruz. Some months ago, the union began.

SEEING RED

Golden Trumpets Of Yap Yap

By MICHAEL QUIN

The famous explorer, Dr. Emery Hornsnagle, in his recent book, "Strange Customs of the People of Yap Yap," makes some interesting observations on the practice of free speech among the inhabitants of that little known island.

While being entertained in the palace of Iggy Bumbum, the Slobob of Yap Yap (High Chief), Dr. Hornsnagle asked the ruler whether free expression of public sentiment was allowed by the law.

"Yes, indeed," replied the Slobob. "The people of our island have absolute freedom of speech, and the government is conducted in exact conformity to public opinion."

Democratic Assemblage

"Just how does that work?" asked Dr. Hornsnagle. "By what method are you able to tell what public opinion thinks about the various matters that come up?"

"That is very simple," explained the Slobob. "Whenever any policy has to be decided, we assemble the entire population in the large court yard of the palace. The High Priest then reads from a scroll to inform them of the business at hand. When that is finished, I determine the will of my people by listening to the Golden Trumpets."

"And what are the Golden Trumpets?" asked Hornsnagle.

"Golden Trumpets," said the Slobob, "are the only means by which public opinion may be expressed. I raise my right hand above my head and call out: 'All those in favor, blow.' Instantly, all those in favor of the proposed action blow upon golden trumpets. Then I raise my left hand and call out: 'All those opposed, blow.' This time the opposition blows golden trumpets. The side making the loudest noise is naturally the majority and the issue is decided in their favor."

"That," said Dr. Hornsnagle, "is to my mind the most complete democracy I have ever heard of. I would like very much to witness one of these expressions of public opinion and take some photographs."

The Joker

On the next afternoon, Dr. Hornsnagle had the opportunity he desired. The people of the whole island were assembled in the palace court yard to decide an important issue. They numbered about three thousand and were all quite naked excepting for loin cloths. However, just before the ceremony was about to begin, four richly clothed gentlemen were carried in on bejeweled litters. Glittering with priceless gems and reeking with perfume, they were deposited at the very front of the crowd, where they squatted on silken pillows and were fanned with peacock feathers by attendants.

"Who are they?" asked Hornsnagle.

"They," replied the Slobob, "are the riches men on the island."

Immediately after the arrival of the wealthy class, the High Priest read off his scroll. Then the Slobob stepped forward and raised his right hand.

"All those in favor, blow," he shouted. The four wealthy citizens all lifted golden trumpets and blew lustily.

The Slobob now lifted his left hand. "All those opposed, blow," he shouted. Not a sound came from the giant assemblage. "It is so decided," announced the Slobob, and the affair was over.

Later on, Dr. Hornsnagle asked the Slobob why the four wealthy citizens were the only ones who blew trumpets.

"They are the only ones who can afford to own Golden Trumpets," explained the Slobob. "The rest are only poor working people."

"That doesn't seem very much like free speech to me," remarked Hornsnagle. "All it amounts to is a group of rich men blowing their own horns. In America we have real public expression."

"America's Trumpets" "Is that so?" exclaimed the Slobob. "And how do you do it in America?"

"In America," said Hornsnagle, "instead of having Golden Trumpets, we have newspapers, magazines and radio broadcasting stations."

"That is very interesting," said the Slobob. "But who owns these newspapers, magazines and broadcasting stations?"

"The rich men," replied Hornsnagle. "Then it is the same as Yap Yap," said the Slobob. "It is the rich men blowing their own horns that makes all the noise."

(MORAL: Build a Daily Western Worker and blow your own horn for a change.)

Workers' Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL

Womb Torn

QUESTION: Nine year ago, the mouth of my womb was torn in childbirth and the doctor told me this must be corrected before I could become pregnant. Is this so, and how much does such an operation usually cost? If there are any charges, please let me know.—A. F., San Bernardino, Calif.

ANSWER: Many women become pregnant even though their cervix (mouth of the womb) is torn. However, a repair of this always improves the chances. The cost of a simple repair operation usually runs to about \$75.00 plus about \$50.00 hospital charges. If the cervix must be cut off, it generally comes to around \$100.00 plus from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for the hospital.

Anyone who believes that he has been benefited by this column, should contribute from twenty-five cents to a thousand dollars to the Western Worker drive, and help run the column more frequently.

COPS FREED WHO STRUCK SMALL BOY

Judge Acquits Police After Fifty Eye-Witnesses Press Charges

LOS ANGELES—Nine witnesses testified today in Judge Oda Faulconer's Court that Inglewood Motorcyclist Policeman Harold Witty knocked a 16 year old boy unconscious without provocation.

Two witnesses testified that it was not Witty but his sidekick, Officer George Sibits who hit the boy.

Judge Faulconer decided that "because some of the witnesses declared it was Witty and part of them said it was the other officer, George Sibits who struck the boy, Dan Johnston, the prosecution did not prove a prima facie case. There was no doubt the boy was hit, but I could not legally place the blame upon Officer Witty in the face of the evidence."

Crowd Reports Cops

Witty was acquitted. Both cops testified they had not touched the boy at any time though all the witnesses agreed the boy had been knocked down by one of them.

The incident occurred on the Venice pier last September 2nd. More than fifty people were there when it happened. The crowd was so indignant when the boy was knocked down that nine eyewitnesses went right down to the Venice police station and offered to tell what they saw.

All the witnesses agreed that the boy had said nothing to "assault or injure the officers. It was the officer riding the roller coaster that he laughed when he

Exemptions Fought By Radio Operators

SAN FRANCISCO—Hearings on the attempts of 37 Pacific Coast shipping firms to get exemption from national and international law requiring radio operators on coastwise vessels, started Monday before the Federal Communications Commission in the Post Office Bldg.

Radio operators are now working under agreements renewed recently to September 30, 1938, providing for the carrying of a radio operator during the life of the agreement, stated Roy Pyle, chairman of the CIO Communication Workers Organizing Committee.

Anti-Labor Attempt "If the companies are successful in their plea for exemption, when the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. present contract expires, a new one will not be negotiated," said Pyle. "Shipowners will take the position that radio operators will work for the owner's price and under conditions imposed by the owner or no operator will be carried."

The ARTA filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission claiming future collective bargaining would be placed in jeopardy and that U.S. meteorological, Coast Guard and hydrographic service would be crippled.

CIO Victory

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Hygrade Packing Corp. signed an agreement with the Buffalo CIO local.

PROGRESSIVES AID BANNING STRIKERS BY PRESSING WATER DISTRICT CITIES

LONG BEACH—Banning tunnel strikers, leading progressive legislators and influential organizations have combined in a direct offensive to bring the pressure of city governments of the 13 member cities of the Metropolitan Water District, on District officials to end the costly strike on the San Jacinto Aqueduct.

A committee headed by Congressman Byron Scott appeared before the City Council here to demand it instruct W. M. Cook, Long Beach member of the district directors to use his influence toward beginning negotiations between the District and the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union, on threat of withdrawing from the District.

Scott Flays Officers

"The officers in Riverside County will not give equal protection," declared Scott. "They join with those who are seeking to break the strike. This is not according to the intent of federal law. It is my decision that discrimination against men on strike legally, is taking place."

Funds Waived

"Tunnel work is expensive work. At the present time, instead of making progress on all headings, work is only going on at one heading."

"The District is paying the salaries of approximately 380 gangsters. These men have deputy badges placed on them. They are old-time 'finks' and old-time strikebreakers."

"There have been tear-gas bombs thrown, 67 cases of men

Latest Fascist Battleground



A MAIN STREET in Santander, seaport of northwestern Spain, cut off from Loyalist Spain. It fell to the fascists after a heroic defense and Mussolini's newspapers, discarding all pretense, boasted loudly of the victory as a "triumph for blackshirt arms."

Disabled Canadian Vets In Drive for War Bonus

Official Charges Canadian Legionnaires Being Duped By duPont Interests

SAN FRANCISCO—"The imperial governments can scrape up \$350 easy enough to put a soldier on the front, but they can't seem to scrape up \$2,000 for these soldiers after the war is over. That's damn inconsistent."

The speaker was Irvine C. Poole, president of the "Disabled Veterans Association," at 995 Market street. He is the head of an organization of Canadian Veterans which is spreading rapidly among the estimated 46,000 Canadian Veterans in California.

State Aims The sole aim of the organization, according to Poole, is to see that the vets get the \$2000 promised each veteran by the McKenzie Government in 1919. Poole charged that the head of the Canadian Legion, Alex Ross, now on a "good will trip" in Nazi Germany, is entirely dominated by the duPont International Nickel Company and is consequently against the Veteran's receiving their bonus although he is the supposed head of the main Canadian veterans' organization.

Canadian veterans in the United States have never received any compensation for their service overseas as have the American soldiers. Roy Lumsden, a member of the Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, inquiring at the Disabled Veterans' office stated that there were at least 1000 waterfront workers in the Bay Region who had been promised pensions by the Canadian Government.

Would Tax Profits One of the policies of the Association is to raise the bonus by taxing nickel, paper and pulp. Especially would the first industry yield large tax returns with the huge quantity of nickel now being sold to Japan by Canadian capitalists.

M. H. Bricknell, head of the local Canadian Legion, never served in the Canadian army, asserted Poole and has only 150 men in his organization of San Francisco out of a possible 12,000 veterans in the Bay area.

Letters and inquiries have poured into the Market street offices since the launching of the drive for the bonus was announced. A typical letter from a Canadian veteran to the headquarters was shown to the West-

ern Worker. The letter read in part:

"I served with the Canadian artillery from May 1917 to March 1922, rank of gunner. I was in France from Aug. 1917 to June 1918, when I was gassed and sent to England. I was discharged in A-3 category (physically fit). Since then I have been the victim of bone T. B. in the hip joint and am now a cripple. Can you help me?"

The Association is attempting to sponsor a mass meeting in Veterans' Auditorium to explain its aims to those interested, but so far have received no reply from the American Legion Committee in charge of the hall.

GREEN PUTS OVER HIS WAR PROGRAM

(Continued from Page 1)

ed and dined at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. He was photographed with the Soviet ambassador, said the speaker mysteriously, but the photographs are only circulated in Russia.

The reports of Wol land Frey, with all this kind of childish stuff, are mainly directed against the morale of a large number of Irish Catholic union officials, whose rank and file are restless.

Green Okays Vandeleur's Company Unionism

By LOUIS F. BUDNEZ (Special to Western Worker) DENVER—Campaigns to undermine the CIO unions in the agriculture and cannery industries and in the office worker and newspaper fields, were made public by William Green at a special press conference last Sunday morning.

Vandeleur and his associates, said Green, are working to undermine the CIO unions in the agriculture and cannery industries and in the office worker and newspaper fields, were made public by William Green at a special press conference last Sunday morning.

EQUAL MATCH, 'GOON' STYLE

Lightweight CIO Leader Is Attacked in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robert Gray, 25, Teamster "officials" "goon," six feet two inches, weight 198 pounds:

Vs. Emile Rabin, business agent of CIO United Cleaners & Dyers, five feet three inches, weight 138 pounds!

However, in spite of the unequal match, when Gray attempted to "put the boots to" Rabin late last Saturday night, the CIO leader vigorously defended himself when his car, in which he and his wife were riding, was forced to the curb by a car containing Gray and Chester Vient, business agent of the dual AFL "union."

In self-defense, Rabin grabbed a souvenir swordfish bone from his car and struck Gray on the head. Rabin suffered a black eye.

Police refused to arrest Vient and Gray. Vient already has an assault charge hanging over him as a result of his pulling a knife on two CIO pickets, one a woman.

Pedro Stevedores Get CIO Charter

SAN PEDRO — At a mass meeting of over 2000 members, the Longshoremen received their CIO charter here last week, becoming a local of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

The meeting convened as ILA 38-82, then adjourned and excused the officers from the room and reconvened as an open session. Henry Schmidt, president of ILWU Local 1-10 of San Francisco then installed the charter.

Named president pro-tem of the local, Ernie Bowen said demands would be presented to the Waterfront Employers Assn. for recognition of the CIO local as sole bargaining agency for longshoremen.

The technicalities of the meeting were arranged to circumvent a court action instituted by a handful of longshoremen trying to keep the workers out of the CIO.

Norwegian Crew Wins War Bonus in Sitdown Strike

HOUSTON, Tex.—A sitdown strike by the Norwegian freighter Vestvard's crew—first sitdown under a foreign flag that this port has seen—won a \$250 war bonus for the seamen.

tion is a CIO trick. They do that to make it appear that there is collusion.

Green could not explain how it is that the active spirits in the so-called AFL newsman's organization in Los Angeles are Louella Parsons, high-priced publicity agent for Hearst's friend Marion Davies, and the Princess Conchita Spulveda Pignatelli.

Speaking emphatically, Green declared the AFL leadership agreed with Joseph Padway of Milwaukee that contracts made by the AFL with employers even against the wishes of the employees would be binding. His publicity representative hastened to assure the newspapermen that no such contract had as yet been entered into in Los Angeles.

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GOV. MARTIN'S 'CHARGE' BASED ON '1-ACT PLAY'

Bridges Exposes 'Proof' in Revived Deportation Threat

SAN FRANCISCO—Last June Harry Bridges and other maritime leaders at the Maritime Federation convention in Portland, discovered a dictaphone planted in Bridges' hotel room; they staged a hilarious "one act play" for the benefit of the dictaphone, with newspapermen as audience.

Last week Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon announced he had obtained proof "right here in Oregon" that Bridges is a Communist, and demanded deportation of the Pacific Coast CIO Director.

Manufactured "Proof" Last Saturday in San Francisco, Bridges replied:

"I shall be greatly interested in any so-called proof touching on my citizenship which Governor Martin may have in his possession. After four years of attempting to manufacture such evidence, it will be interesting to see what sort of 'proof' they have finally produced. We have affidavits in our possession which conclusively prove attempts have been made to have men perjure themselves."

"If Governor Martin would spend only a small portion of his time seeing that the National Labor Relations Act is enforced in his state, his labor difficulties would vanish overnight."

"Some time ago when I was attending the Maritime Federation in Portland, a dictaphone was planted in the room next to mine with a hole bored in the wall. Sneak thieves entered my room and went through my belongings. We were aware of the dictaphone long before we reported it to the hotel manager."

"Words and Music" "We called a comedy newspaper man and spent an evening of good, clean fun staging a one-act play which must have given the snoopers plenty to talk about. As I said, we called in the newspapermen so we have plenty of witnesses."

"We are in the unique position of having written both the words and music for the song that the governor sings."

S. F. LABOR BODY IS SPLIT AGAIN

SAN FRANCISCO — With even less respect for American Federation of Labor laws than in previous expulsions of unions, the central labor council ousted the Inland Boatmen's Union as a CIO affiliate, in the last few minutes of last Friday night's meeting.

On a surprise motion introduced by Marguerite Finkenbinder, Waitresses Union vice-president, Lawrence Palacios ruled discussion out of order and another expulsion was steam-rolled through the council.

Chief fireworks were provided by Marine Firemen delegates. One delegate, Walter J. Stack, was ordered out of the meeting by Palacios for challenging Carl Tillman, of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, on slurs cast on the Firemen.

Fight Frame-up Stack also called for assistance in preventing the Parole Board from returning Robert J. Fitzgerald, recently elected MFOW secretary, to San Quentin on charges he has "violated" his parole by accepting office in his union.

"We're going to fight this frame-up to the end," Stack declared.

Stack likewise called for an AFL boycott against Japanese goods. The boycott request was greeted by raucous applause but no action was taken.

"Charges" Exploded After Stack's expulsion from the hall, charges brought against the firemen by Tillman and Captain May of the Masters, Mates & Pilots were answered by Gene Barish as he explained the removal of J. E. Ferguson as union secretary for his attempt to pack a regular MFOW meeting with over 100 WPA workers. May claimed Ferguson had been "framed."

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Subway Bonds Held Burden on Workers

Communists Want Subway But Think Rich Should Pay

"Defeat the subway bonds." With this as one of the main planks in the platform of Anita Whitney, Communist-endorsed supervisory candidate in San Francisco's November 2nd elections, the Communist Party enters the campaign against Proposal No. 1.

Defeat the subway bond issue because it will impose a crushing burden upon those least able to bear it. The \$49,250,000 bond issue on the November ballot threatens small home owners and rent payers alike with increased taxes and higher rents.

The Communist Party favors a subway system as the solution to San Francisco's traffic problem, but proposes that the burden of financing such a system shall be borne by the large, down-town banking and mercantile interests which stand to profit most by a subway.

Considerable confusion exists regarding the issue. An aggressive radio campaign is being waged by the Carmen's Union, division 1004, against the subway, while the Central Labor Council, following the lead of the Tunnel Workers' Union, has voted by a narrow margin to support the proposal.

Much Confusion Business and Industrial interests are divided. The bankers, building material manufacturers, and big contracting interests are rallied in support of the subway bonds. Against these inter-

ests are ranged the realty groups, building and apartment house owners' associations, civic and improvement clubs and, of course, the Market Street Railway Company. Progressive and reactionary interests alike are to be found in each camp.

How much would the subway bonds take out of the pockets of San Francisco's low-income and working class groups? The proposal of the Public Utilities Commission calls for the issuance of \$49,250,000 in general obligation bonds, a forty-year mortgage on the taxpayers' home or whatever property he possesses.

By the tax year, 1939-40, the increase in the tax rate would amount to 11.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. By 1942-43 the increase would amount to 41.4 cents.

These figures were compiled by Harold J. Boyd, Comptroller of the City and County of San Francisco. On the basis of these estimates the property owner with property valued at \$2000 would pay \$28.20 more in taxes in 1942-43 than he does today.

What Worker Would Pay Actually the threat to the working man's pocketbook is more drastic than it appears. For the subway, if it can be built within the estimated cost of \$49,250,000, will cost, with interest and redemption charges added, \$89,262,700!

Nor is this all. Other bond proposals which will appear on the November ballot would increase the total indebtedness, including initial cost, interest, etc., by \$101,935,700. The total increase in tax rate in 1942-43 would amount to 51.1 cents if the bond issues pass.

Yet another phase of the subway bond issue is that its

acceptance by the voters would increase the city's bonded indebtedness to \$224,283,000, or to within \$4,648,983 of the limit. This would make it impossible for San Francisco to undertake other important projects such as the municipal power system. This explains the whole-hearted support accorded to the subway issue by the big utility interests. The passage of the subway bond proposal would assure for a number of years the stranglehold of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company upon San Francisco power consumers.

The Communist Party urges the voters to defeat Proposal Number One, the Subway Bond Issue. San Francisco must have a rapid transit system, but the cost of such a system must be borne by those whose profits will be increased by the building of a subway. The burden must not be thrown upon the low-income, working class groups.

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NEGRO TRADE UNIONISTS MOVE TO END DISCRIMINATION IN LABOR

Thirty-five Negro trade unionists met in the Inland Boatmen's Hall here Sunday and established a temporary apparatus for attacking Jim-crowism in the labor movement.

Members of the gathering unanimously approved the action of the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress in calling the conference, and pledged membership in the Congress. To a man, the gathering denounced the policy of discriminatory unions.

A fund was collected to finance publicity for the broadcast of A. Phillip Randolph over a national radio hook-up next Sunday. Randolph, Congress president and leader of the Sleeping Car Porters, will speak over both red and blue networks at 11:30 Sunday morning, Pacific Standard Time.

To outline the tasks and program the attack on discrimination against Negroes, the members elected temporary officers

and a temporary executive committee.

They are Revels Cayton, Marine Cooks & Stewards, temporary chairman; E. C. Richardson, ILWU, vice chairman; A. Wallace, Marine Cooks & Stewards, secretary-treasurer; Harry Williams, recording secretary and director of publicity.

The following members are the temporary executive board: Bill Williams, ILWU; L. Greer, ILWU; Wiley Nisby, ILA; Theodore Williams, Building Service Workers, Local 87; F. J. Martinez, Alaska Cannery Workers; John L. Hunter; John Pittman, Northern California Newspaper Guild; T. J. Mims, Workers Alliance; Harry Wilson, Building Trades, Local 261; A. Amos, Union of Professional and Office Workers; John R. Watkins, Red Cap Station Porters; W. Monteath, Marine Cooks & Stewards; J. C. Ray, Garage Workers; Mrs. Osa Thomas, Mrs. Marjorie E. Williams, and Mrs. L. Greer.

SEATTLE, Wash.—The recruiting drive of the Communist Party of District 12 is going forward with a bang.

When the drive started on Sept. 1, the District had 1170 controlled members. By October 1, 350 new members had been recruited, and 73 old members brought back into the Party.

Compared to 217 recruited in the months of June, July and August, 423 were thus recruited in the month of September alone.

The goal of 800 new members by November 1 thus seems sure of achievement.

Incidentally, dues payments have increased from 1320 in August to 1700 in September.

Gains in the drive include: Grays Harbor section (lumber)—membership increased from 94 to 170.

Coeur D'Alene (mining and lumber)—increased from 7 to 25.

Bellingham (lumber)—increased from 39 to 56.

Yakima (agricultural and lumber)—increased from 7 to 16.

King County (Seattle)—increased from 602 to 780.

Bay Communists Choose Leadership

Election of an executive committee and discussion of the daily Western Worker drive featured the special meeting of the new Alameda County Committee of the Party last Tuesday, October 5th.

Following strict democratic procedure, including secret ballot, the county committee, composed of elected delegates from each unit and section, elected George Maurer to the post of executive secretary. Other officers elected included: assistant secretary, Ed Green; membership director, Jack Weatherwax, trade union director, Carol Barnes; and financial secretary, Dick Wassdahl.

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PRESS SILENT ON MINISTERS' STRIKE PROBE

Methodists' Stand on San
Diego Laundry Strike
Is Censored

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO—In an enclosing a copy of a letter that was sent to all three daily papers in San Diego, The Sun, Union and Tribune, by the Methodist Ministers Assn., and none of the three would print it. I will give you the main points:

The workers at the Pullman Laundry have been out on strike for two months. The strike was forced by the laundry when the union president and two other active union members were fired. The president of the union was offered a raise in pay before he was fired if he would quit the union. When he was fired all 27 workers in the laundry walked out with him.

Employers United
The Laundrymen's Assn. is financing the fight against the union and are determined to break the union before it gets firmly established. They secured a temporary restraining injunction, limiting the number of pickets at the plant and placing other restrictions to hinder the strike. The hearing for a permanent injunction is now being held with a battery of high-priced lawyers from Los Angeles representing the laundry.

The Methodist letter follows:

Formed Committee
"Several weeks ago our attention was called to the fact that during the strike now going on against the Pullman Laundry, a Labor paper, 'Labor's Voice' suggested that there be formed a committee of three impartial ministers for the mediation of the differences existing between the employers and the strikers."

"Two Methodist ministers of San Diego, learning that mediation was agreeable to the strikers, went to Mr. Hanman of the Pullman Laundry to suggest that the mediation plan be used. Mr. Hanman said that he had turned the matter over to the Laundrymen's Assn. and hence was not free to act without consulting them. This he promised to do and also promised to notify the two ministers."

Ten days passed and no word came from Mr. Hanman. The matter was then brought to the attention of the Methodist ministers of San Diego County, meeting in a regular monthly meeting. A committee of three ministers was selected to approach Mr. Hanman on behalf of the Methodist Ministers Assn. and make another appeal for mediation with the strikers."

Bosses Didn't Answer
"The Committee called on Mr. Hanman and again appealed for the adoption of a mediation plan. Mr. Hanman and another man present in the laundry office said that they did not personally desire to mediate but they agreed to present the plan to the Laundrymen's Assn. and then send the answer to the ministers within a few days. Mr. Hanman stated that if the Ministerial Assn. of the Association were willing for him to mediate, he would abide by that decision."

"On the same day the ministers also sent a letter to Mr. Hanman so that he would have in written form the questions of the ministerial committee. The visit and mailing of the letter were September 13. No answer has been received."

"We do not presume to pass judgment on the affair. We frankly admit that we do not know all the facts involved. But in the interest of better harmony in the community and justice to both employer and employee, it is our conviction that the case should be submitted to some neutral group, agreeable to both sides of the controversy."

Church Position
"The Methodist Church stands for the right of employees and employers alike to organize. This has been the position of our church for 30 years. In this present strike, one side is strongly organized, while the other side is endeavoring to organize and apparently is being denied the opportunity to meet with the employers for bargaining purposes."

"In the interest of fair play and justice, we believe that both sides should submit their differences to a board of mediation. Frank S. Williams, E. J. Evans, W. J. Sherman."

Endorsement of this letter was given by a special meeting on September 28.

Highway Workers

WASHINGTON—The Highway Workers of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, have been characterized as Local 83 by the CIO State, County & Municipal Workers.

Mendocino Lumber Workers Ended Up Owing Contractor

Three Loggers Worked Like Slaves Under Intolerable Conditions and Were Robbed in Rank Overcharging for Food

By a Logger

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—We of the Pesula bark camp located on Union Lumber Co. land near Camp 3, recently experienced a terrible and costly example of the practice of hiring on a padded contract basis.

Hired out through Jack Etsel of Pop Marshall's pool hall at \$6 per cord (paid off at \$4.50 per cord), three of us worked like slaves under intolerable conditions—walking two and five-tenths miles morning and evening, chopping trees, peeling bark and swamping bark on ground so steep a mountain goat would resign, fighting the most blood-thirsty mosquitoes north of the equator every evening, consequently getting little sleep.

Real Discomfort

Our food was cooked over an open camp fire while flies, ants, beetles, dust, bits of twigs, trees and other filth constituted the main seasoning thereof. We slept in a tent, while camped in the brush, and covered with poisonous pollen dust.

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A Special Page Analyzing 57th Convention of AFL

War Clouds Sobered Delegates at Denver

Almost Quoted Stalin's Exact Words In Urging Unity "For Collective Security and Peace"

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—A great and decisive moment of history came and passed last week in the American Federation of Labor convention here. It took the dark shadow and ominous thunder of a world war cloud to blast away the complacency of the well-fed, well-clothed and securely placed delegates to this convention. It strengthened one's confidence in the labor movement to say the response was fine.

The consciousness of the imminent danger of another world war came about in this way (and the way it came about is no less important than the danger itself):

The British fraternal delegates were introduced with the usual formal expressions of "interest in their problems" and "ties binding us together," by President Green.

Little Speaks

John C. Little, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union—slow speaking, solid, with years of trade union responsibility behind him, and more shrewd—spoke for a while on the detailed economic, social and political problems of the movement he helps to lead. With hardly a change of tone, he came to the end of his speech.

Then came the moment and the response—to be multiplied in fervor and force many times in the next few minutes—when with restrained but rising feeling British Fraternal Delegate Little, flatter by trade, appealed to the American labor movement, in fraternal cooperation with the British trade union movement and the trade union movement of the world to join hands "against the aggressor nations, for collective security and peace."

He was given the greatest ovation of the convention.

Spoke for Spanish People

British Fraternal Delegate Little had said that "it is no longer a civil war in Spain, it is an invasion of Spain by Italy, Germany and Portugal."

President Green had not mentioned Spain in referring to the war danger in his opening speech. The majority of the delegates are Roman Catholics but there was no protest—only grunts of approval for Little.

Speeches of other fraternal delegates intervened but nothing seemed to swerve the convention from the determination to do something on the one main question—what to do about the undeclared wars by the fascist powers.

No Claps for Green

At the end of the speeches of the fraternal delegates from Great Britain and Canada, a cablegram was handed President Green. He put it aside and launched into a formal and forced speech about peace. He took pains to include the Soviet Union with the "dictatorships to whose policies American labor was opposed."

There was not a single hand-clap.

President Green at long last read the cablegram from Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress. It asked for cooperation by the American Federation of Labor in a boycott of Japan, for its cooperation "against aggressor nations, collective security and peace."

Stalin's Words

Few if any among the delegates and even few among the newspapermen along with the 70 feet right before the platform knew that Fitter John C. Little and Walter Citrine in almost the same words, proposed for the world trade union movement the policy the 7th World Congress of the Communist International urged it to accept, the policy Stalin urged upon the labor movements of the world in his world-famous speech against "aggressor nations."

Yet the moment President Green came to the end of Citrine's cablegram, Delegate Calloran was on his feet to make a motion. The motion was that the 57th Annual Convention of the American Federation goes on record by unanimous vote as accepting the cablegram and endorsing the proposals. No one, of course, under parliamentary procedure, can make a motion for unanimous consent. But the delegate went unrebuked by President Green and applause broke out.

Referred to Committee President Green, plainly under great nervous strain, asked that the cablegram and the proposal of Fraternal Delegate Little be referred to the Convention Committee on International Relations to bring in recommendations to withdraw his motion. Calloran assented.

But nothing is more certain than if the committee report and commendation deviate in any way from the proposal for united international action of the trade union move-

ment "against the aggressor nations, for collective security and world peace," the convention will reject them and give practically unanimous expression to the agreement with the action demanded in Delegate Calloran's motion.

May Be Unity Basis

The echo of the sound of the marching feet of fascist battalions in two countries shoved the issues of war on the CIO into the background in this convention. The same issue may, before this convention is over, be that on which the AFL and the CIO will unite and thereby lay the basis for unity against the real enemies of both organizations—the profit greedy war mongers who live on the sweat and blood of the working class—in fascist and democratic countries.

This is the way a great historic moment for labor appears at close range. It left even this conservative section of the American labor movement more conscious of the dangers at its door and more inclined to unite with all other labor organizations for militant defense. The war situation may well be the issue on which unity of action of the AFL and CIO will supersede all other issues.

SET UP NORTHWEST LABOR UNITY GROUP

SEATTLE—A permanent state and regional organization to organize the unorganized and to restore labor harmony, is now in existence in the Pacific Northwest following the Labor Unity Conference of CIO and AFL delegates held here Sunday, October 3.

The convention addressed a resolution to the AFL convention in Denver requesting calling of a nation-wide unity conference. Present were 134 delegates from 33 CIO unions and 48 delegates from 25 AFL organizations.

Job of Progressives

"Although the American Federation of labor has a state organization in Washington and most of the other Northwest states, nowhere has it taken steps to fulfill the aims, ambitions and desires of the working people," declared Eugene Dennett, Seattle Labor Unity Council secretary.

"It has, therefore, become the job of those progressive and forward looking groups to initiate that kind of action which has brought this group together."

"Last Refuge of Scoundrels"

Richard Francis, Regional CIO director, said: "The West Coast is faced with the racketeer machine of Beck (Seattle Teamster czar) in which city and state officials, Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Councils are lined up against us. Unable to discourage us, they fall back on the last refuge of scoundrels—red-baiting and calling us political-military aliens parading as labor leaders."

Advocating independent political action, Howard G. Costigan, Washington Commonwealth Federation secretary, stated:

"The time has come when the men who will not scab on the picket line will not scab at the polls."

The conference called for defeat of Mayor John F. Dore at the coming Seattle election as a man "unworthy of public support."

L. A. Newsboys Block Attempt To Wreck Union

LOS ANGELES—Earmarked as company stooges, seven officers of the Newsboys' Union who formed an "Aid Society," have been exposed to the rank and file.

The union voted that the "Aid Society" should be dissolved. Four officers refused to abide by this decision and were forced to resign.

The phony attempted to break the union by shouting from the floor that "the union is wrecked." The Newsboys Organizing Committee, however, has called a mass meeting for Sunday, October 10, when new officers will be elected and plans drawn up for the union.



JOSEPH STALIN
His famous words at 7th World Congress of Communist International were repeated almost exactly in British Labor's proposals to the AFL convention for united action of labor against "aggressor nations, for collective security and world peace."

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

A SHORT-SHORT story in four installments:

1. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters, contributed his two cents' worth to the American Federation of Labor convention in Denver by yelling that Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, could "void American neutrality laws by absolutely stopping shipments of all materials to whichever contesting nation he liked the least." It seems "Brother" Tobin didn't like the idea that Japan might be barred from taking weapons of slaughter from the Pacific Coast for use in China.

2. President Roosevelt's history-making speech urged quarantine of aggressor nations; the U. S. State Department declared Japan the aggressor nation in China.

3. The AFL convention gave its loudest applause to Delegate Little from the British Trade Union Congress, for proposing united labor action against "aggressor nations, for collective security and world peace."

4. "Brother" Tobin maintains a discreet silence.

Green and the "Goons"

IN THE Pacific Northwest, Teamster czar Dave Beck's "goons" have been engaged in the playful pastime of trying to take brewery drivers away from their AFL Intl. Brewery Workers Union by shooting of tires of trucks on the highways and by killing and maiming of drivers who are members of the Brewery Workers' Union. The ILWU has applied for an injunction to restrain these gangster attacks.

In the AFL Executive Committee's report to the Denver convention, this matter is handled as follows:

"By this complaint the American labor movement is placed in unfortunate position before the general public. On the one hand the NLRB Judge Padbury is not alert to changing conditions and the development of a new order. On the other hand, recourse is now had to the equity courts completely to restrain the AFL dealing effectively with new situations and developments arising in our economic, social and political life."

No wonder Bill Dunne comments:

"This defense of a policy and practice of breaking up an industrial union sets some kind of a new record for confusing a clear issue. . . . The talk of any principle being involved so far as the Executive Council is concerned is undiluted goonish."

More power to Beck's "goons," says William Green.

CIO Asks Burbank Cannery Election

BURBANK, Los Angeles County—The CIO Valley Cannery Workers Union, affiliated to the United Cannery, Agriculture, Packing & Allied Workers of America, has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board asking for an election to establish the union as employees of the McKee Canning Co. here.

One other function was given Judge Padbury—intimidating still further those unions that have expressed a desire for industrial unionism strictly within the AFL, and those unions which have taken issue with the internal tactics of the Executive Council.

Intimidation

Among these are the Amalgamated Assn of Street & Elec-

STOOL USED TO ATTACK LABOR ACT

Wm Green Secured Highly Paid Employers Agent For Dirty Job

By WILLIAM DUNNE
DENVER—The 57th AFL convention last Wednesday reached the lowest moral level in its whole existence.

Through the mouth of Judge Joseph Padbury of Wisconsin, brought here by plane to reply to the unanswerable arguments of Chairman J. Warren Madden, of the National Labor Relations Board, the official machine delegates listened to and applauded a demagogic and destructive incitement for repeal of the Labor Relations Act—the most advanced piece of social legislation passed and enforced in this country since abolition of chattel slavery.

As William Lloyd Garrison said of chattel slavery: "This is an issue on which no honest man should wish to think, speak or write moderately."

This forthright position is the only possible one to take in characterizing the speech of Judge Padbury, highly paid stool-pigeon representing both the AFL leadership and the interests of Wisconsin employers, brought here by President Green, William Hutcheson, John P. Frey and the Executive Council, who were unable and afraid to tackle by themselves the contemptible task of undermining labor's chief instrument of legal protection.

Subject to Disbarment

Ostensibly, Judge Padbury, who in the opinion of your correspondent is subject to disbarment even under the elastic ethical code of the Bar Assn. for the speech he made, came here to give support to the Frey resolution for amending the Labor Relations Act and the resolution for disbarment of the present Board and reorganizing it to suit the AFL Executive Council and employers.

Actually, Judge Padbury attacked the whole procedure of free elections under the Act for determining what organization is the choice of the workers affected.

Company Unionism

Such was the hurried nature of Judge Padbury's intervention that no copy of his speech was ready for the press. But I quote verbatim and every newspaperman present got the same quotation:

"Why should it always depend upon the wishes of the employees?" This in reply to the question of what union should represent the workers. This was his whole case against the Labor Act and against the present NLRB.

Judge Padbury is a fairly clever licensed stool-pigeon and probably would deny that he is in favor of abolishing all political election campaigns in the United States—but he warned the convention against elections in industry, denounced them and called this established legal practice of the NLRB: "Dangerous, dangerous, dangerous!"

Urged "Old Order"

He said that if this practice continues: "You are better off to see it repealed to go back to the old order."

He referred to militant workers as "ambitious individuals, flirting with the CIO." He referred to CIO unions as "ruthless, destructive organizations."

Green's Dirtiest Job

But his main attack centered upon the Labor Relations Act itself, its election provisions, and upon the NLRB. Judge Padbury was paid to do the dirtiest job ever attempted by an AFL Executive Council in a long existence spotted plentifully with disgraceful failures to seize opportunities to organize the unorganized and replete with actual sabotage of the bitter struggles to protect and extend the basic rights of the working class.

The Executive Council majority in this convention, with steel workers, textile workers, coal miners and smelter workers, rubber workers, aluminum workers, electrical manufacturing workers, auto workers, oil workers and clothing workers, lumber and sawmill workers, maritime workers and their great organizations, absent and with their allegiance given to the CIO, can sink no lower than it did today.

Heading for Co. Unions

But it will remain at this level for the rest of the convention—and afterwards. Make no mistake—this AFL convention is heading straight to the company union camps—to more and more open alliances with employers and their organizations on the industrial and political field.

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3 Big Reasons For a DAILY!

William F. Dunne, famous labor leader of years standing and one of the best labor writers in the United States, is "covering" the American Federation of Labor convention in Denver for both the Daily Worker in New York and for the Western Worker.

Because it is published six days a week, the Daily Worker was able to get these stories to its readers hot off the telegraph wire.

Because the "Western" is only published twice a week, it has to give you these stories much later. On this page are three outstanding stories by Dunne, analyzing the AFL convention's developments; on this page are three outstanding reasons for building a Daily Western Worker by January 1!

If you want to get your labor news as fast as it happens, do your bit in the drive for \$35,000 to establish a Daily "Western." Fill out the following blank and send in your donation today:

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Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

THE CAPTAIN of the Panama Pacific Liner California, charges 14 members of the crew with "insubordination." Kennedy of the Maritime Commission charges practically a whole crew of an American ship in South America with "mutiny."

The Maritime Commission refuses to sanction a \$250 bonus for taking a vessel through war zones. The Commission also refuses to sanction a demand for life insurance.

Our old "friend," Senator Royal S. Copeland draws up a bill to abolish union controlled hiring halls and substitute for them shipping through the Port Commissioners.

The officials of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters attempt to smash the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The big shots of the AFL kick the CIO waterfront organization out of the parent body of the accompaniment of a furious and hysterical barrage of rank red-baiting.

Edward Vandeleur attacks the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union and in his usual daffy manner, launches a personal campaign against George Woolf, head of the organization.

Need National Unity

CONDITIONS aboard many ships are still nearly intolerable.

Electric Railway Employees, whose president William Mahon's feeble effort to get more extended debate on the proposal for industrial union charters, was given short shrift on the convention floor. In the resolutions committee the craft union leaders ganged up on the AA proposal and upon a similar proposal from the Upholsterers Union.

Another union pointed out to Padbury by the Executive Council for special intimidation is the Masters, Mates & Pilots. This union's delegation introduced a resolution which charges that "four groups dual" to their organization "have been chartered in the port of New York," by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. The resolution states that "theft of our members by coercive means" has been permitted. It says that "our national membership is distinctly critical of the uncooperative attitude of both President Green and the Executive Council" and regards with suspicion the free hand accorded Mr. Ryan and the apparent scrapping of the AFL constitution for reasons of expediency—i.e. for war on the Maritime Federation of the CIO.

Will Be Shut Up

The resolution charges in addition that "the actions of . . . Ryan have caused not only sympathy for but defection to the CIO ranks of maritime workers disgusted with unsettled inter-factional disputes within the AFL. The demand is made that 'Ryan be ordered by this convention to return members forced within their group' to the M.M.&P."

The M.M.&P will be told to keep their mouths shut with the same brutality that the AA and the Upholsterers have been told that no industrial union charters will be granted them. The craft unions will not only keep all they have but they will get from this convention additional letters of marque and reprisal authorizing them to continue their raids on semi-industrial unions still within the AFL.

Nevertheless the Executive Council wishes to keep such issues from the floor and following its traditional tactics, it is trying to scare the living daylights out of union officials not too courageous to begin with.

LABOR BOARD CHAIRMAN PUT AFL COMPANY UNIONISTS ON SPOT IN CONVENTION SPEECH

J. Warren Madden Told Green, Frey and Hutcheson Workers Have Right to Choose Own Organizations

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DENVER—There is no sadder soul among the multitude of sad souls repenting their invitation to J. Warren Madden, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, to address the AFL convention than John P. Frey, Metal Trades Department pundit and author of a resolution calling for an amendment to the Labor Relations Act which would once more open the door to company unions under the guise of protecting nebulous craft rights.

The invitation to Chairman Madden was the result of a long period of fasting and prayer on the part of the executive council members, whose report to the convention blamed the National Labor Relations Board for the blood shed in the steel strike, and catered to Girdler, Weir and other powerful sponsors of company unionism. The idea was to get some NLRB member who could be put on the spot and gracefully accept the role of scapegoat for its alleged misdeeds.

Something Went Wrong
Just why Madden was believed to comply with these specifications, will probably never be known. But it seems clear that something went wrong with their intelligence service.

From all reports Mr. Madden is a very hard person to convince. But once convinced on any question he is said to regard it as a matter of conscience to let his opinions be known, no matter who is hurt, including himself. It seemed that somewhere along the line Mr. Madden got the idea that company unions were the curse of the labor movement.

Blistered Hutcheson
J. Warren Madden impressed your correspondent as the type of bookish, statistical, professional person who reaches conclusions by sheer intellectual conviction, but who knows the value of first-hand experience nevertheless—and who makes a very good NLRB chairman. He read his speech in a monotone but almost every sentence brought a blister somewhere on the forms of members of the executive council, William Hutcheson and Colonel Frey.

Take such sentences as the following directed straight at shameless labor officials who are trying to amend the Labor Act and jeopardize the hard-won rights of workers and their organizations in order to fight and destroy industrial unionism and the industrial unions of the CIO.

"With the division in the labor movement and with competition between the AFL and the CIO for the right to represent the workers in the same plant, the employer, not unnaturally, may have a preference for one of the competing unions. The law forbids him to give effect to that preference by coercing his employees to join the preferred union or not to join the other union."

This meaning of coercion has been made plain by the board in numerous decisions which antedate the current division in the labor movement. It was then common practice for employers to compel membership in unions limited to their own employees, and thus destroy the possibility of growth of unions affiliated to your federation. . . . we compelled the employer to stop this practice. Yet we had no more right and no more responsibility to act on your behalf in those cases than we have now to forbid an employer to coerce membership in one of your unions, or in one of the CIO unions, etc."

Refused Sanction
This was the NLRB chairman's reply to the demand of the executive council, Hutcheson and Frey that they be allowed to ally themselves with employers and by joint action coerce workers into AFL unions—the NLRB to give its sanction to this unholy alliance.

The reply was still sterner and more categorical to the abuse and threats contained in the inspired resolution of the Boot & Shoe delegates, John J. Mara and George W. Lawson, to the demand of the executive council that the Labor Act be amended by the substitution for present provisions on representation, that clause of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act under which the Pennsylvania and other great railroads maintained company "employee representation plans" for years. This clause reads:

"The majority of any craft or class of employers shall have the right to determine who shall be representatives of the craft or class for the purpose of this act."

The basis for endless and fruitless bickering is laid and the door opened wide for company unions by this proposed amendment to the Wagner Act. On this point Madden said (and every delegate in the convention knew what he meant):

"And we shall so forbid employers, and continue to forbid them. If great labor organizations desire to increase their membership by having employers force their employees into them against the employees' will, they must first, by repeal or amendment, cut the heart out of the National Labor Relations Act. . . ."

Shows Trend
"And if this law shall ever be amended so that in words or in effect it shall say that employees shall be entitled to be represented by a union of the employers' choosing, then all the rest of the law should be repealed for America will have become again the happy hunting ground for the company union. The employers who are now accepting one or the other of the great national organizations as the lesser of the two evils, will fly immediately to their real love, the feeble company union formed by themselves and for themselves, and will inconsistently kick out the National union which they imposed upon their employees."

It is obvious that there was nothing more to be said unless the executive council, Hutcheson and Frey were willing to come out in the open and defend the company unions. Although on the day before the executive council had reported chartering of the Blue Card company union forced on the metal miners of the Tri-State Districts as a great achievement, its members were not yet bold enough to say—publicly—the feeble company union formed by themselves and for themselves, and will inconsistently kick out the National union which they imposed upon their employees."

Mystery Defies Science
Why Colonel Frey stuck his neck out for the Madden gullotine is somewhat of a mystery. But authorities on Frey mania claim that at certain times his rapidly hardening arteries crack and exude a peculiar fluid defying analysis and falling into no known biological category. At such times he feels an irresistible impulse to write resolutions and uses this fluid as ink. The outcome is fantastic always—but more than usually so in this particular case.

There is a well-founded suspicion that Colonel Frey had a hand in composing the glowing gem that found its way into the published resolutions under the names of Mara and Dawson. If so, Frey's mania had reached an acute stage as a reading of some of the demands and phraseology will indicate. Listen:

Angry Drooling
"Resolved, that the NLRB as at present constituted, has to all intents and purposes been totally disqualified itself as administrator of the National Labor Relations Act. . . . and we call upon the President of the U. S. . . . to immediately disband the present board, together with its subordinate committees, regional directors and investigators, and we call for the organization of a new board—a board that will represent America and American ideals. . . . a board that will not permit personal desires, wishes, dreams and theories to becloud the clear evidence and bold truth; a board that will not yield to pressure from any quarter, etc., etc.," ad nauseam.

I have quoted verbatim but I would not have believed such angry drooling would find printed expression in the convention record had I not read it myself. It shows, however, the delirium and the delusions of grandeur that are marked features of the officialdom of the convention.

But there is a notable sobering up since Chairman Madden told the convention some plain and painful truths. His speech seems to have ended much speculation of a political nature that was rapidly reaching into the mythical realm of the occult.

Beck's Defeat Is Hailed By Lewis

SAN FRANCISCO—Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast director of the CIO, recently received the following telegram, following the end of the Teamster officials' blockade against the longshoremen and warehousemen:

"Heartly congratulations on satisfactory outcome of contest with Beck. Good wishes in every way."

"JOHN L. LEWIS."